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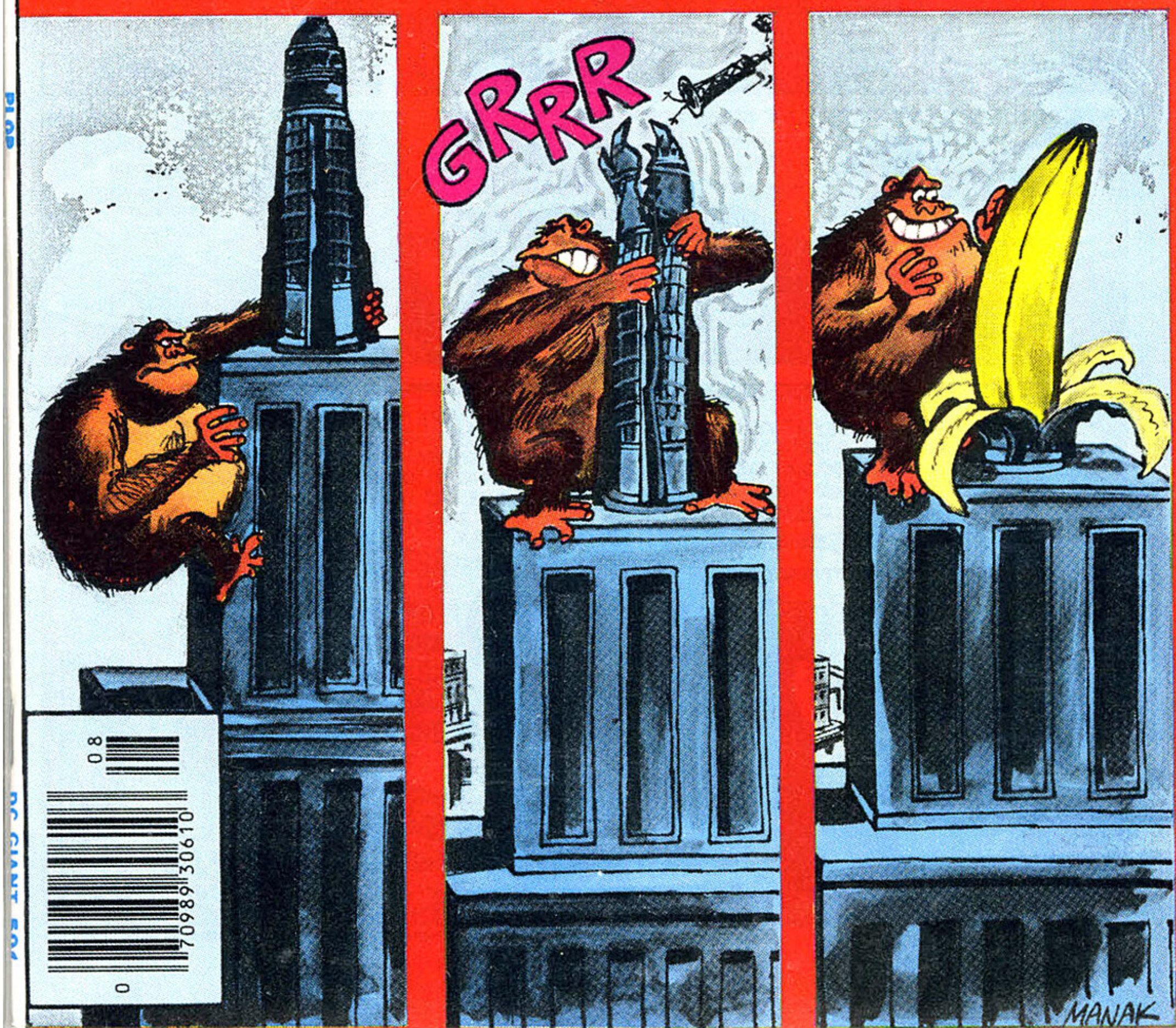

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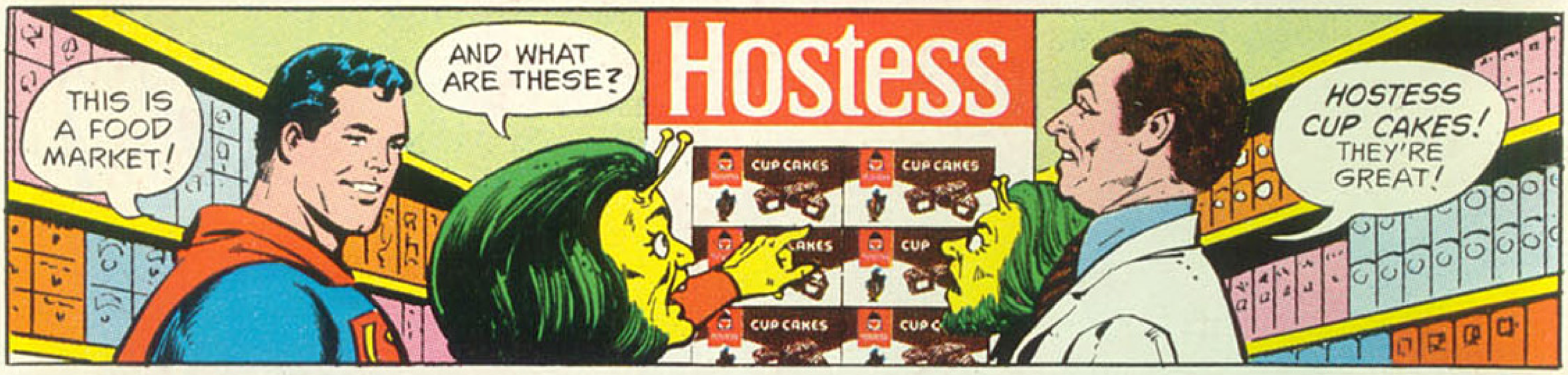

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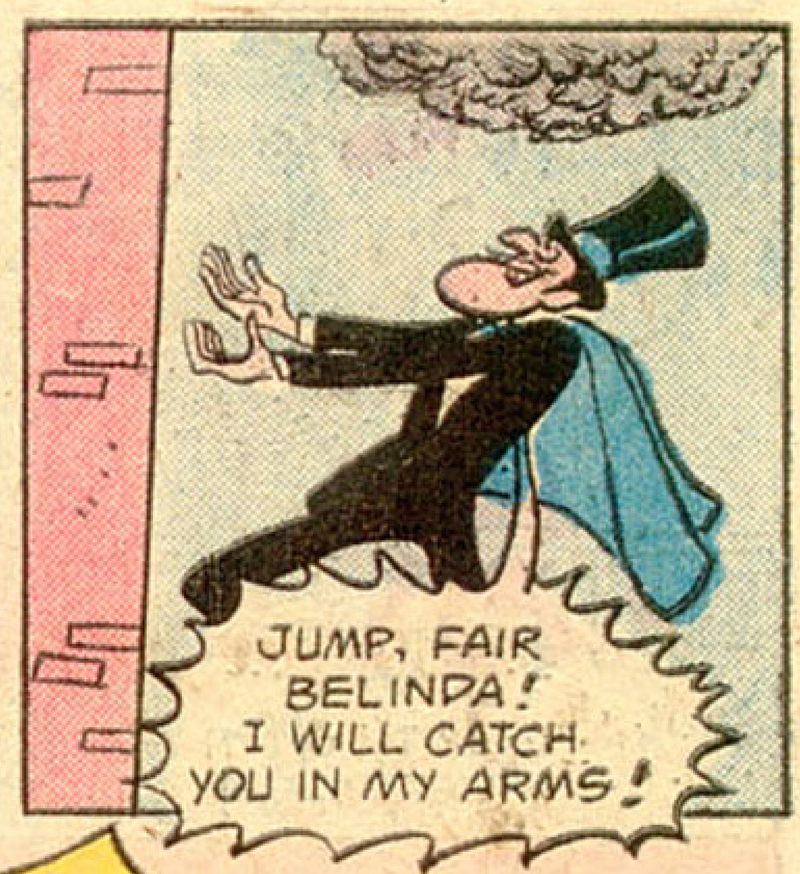

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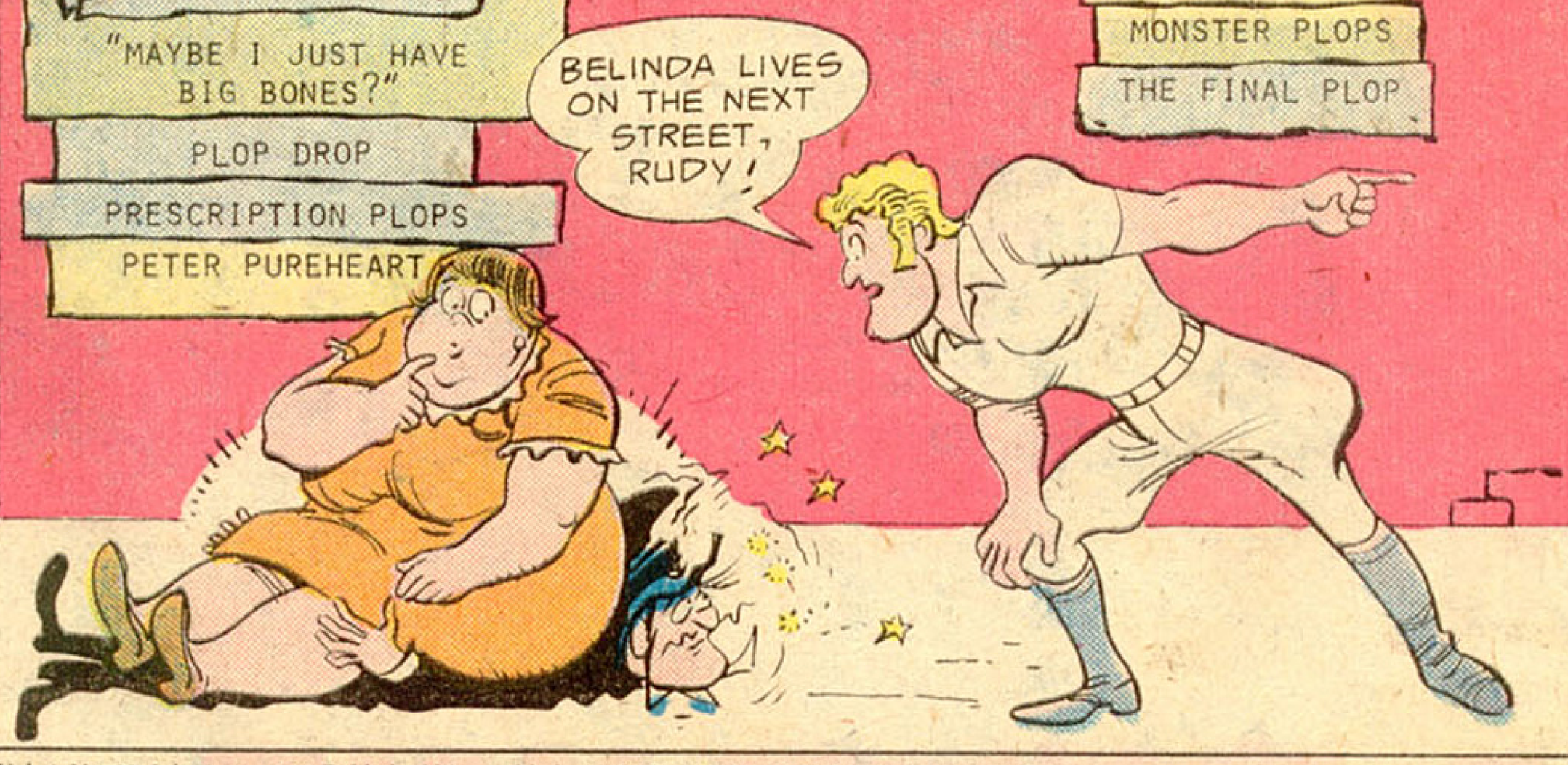

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Fairy Tales
Once upon a time there lived a young farmer lad named Terry Tully, and he was in love with a beautiful maiden named Alice Sweet.
Terry often thought about Alice and what a wonderful personality she had.
Terry wanted to marry Alice but he could not because Alice had a father who did not approve of Terry Tully.
This made Terry very angry so he went around kicking things.
He kicked a dog.
He kicked a stick.
He kicked a pile of leaves.
KLUNK!
Alice's father believed that Terry Tully was a sneaky and mean young man, and when asked if he would ever let Terry marry his daughter Alice, he would reply: "OVER MY DEAD BODY!"
Shortly after, Alice's father's dead body was found in the woods. He had been strangled, shot with a high-powered rifle several times, and punched in the nose.
The police strongly suspected foul play, but not having any suspects with a motive for killing the old man, they filed the unsolved case under 'Unsolved Cases'.
And that is how our story entitled
The KICKING MAN!
begins.
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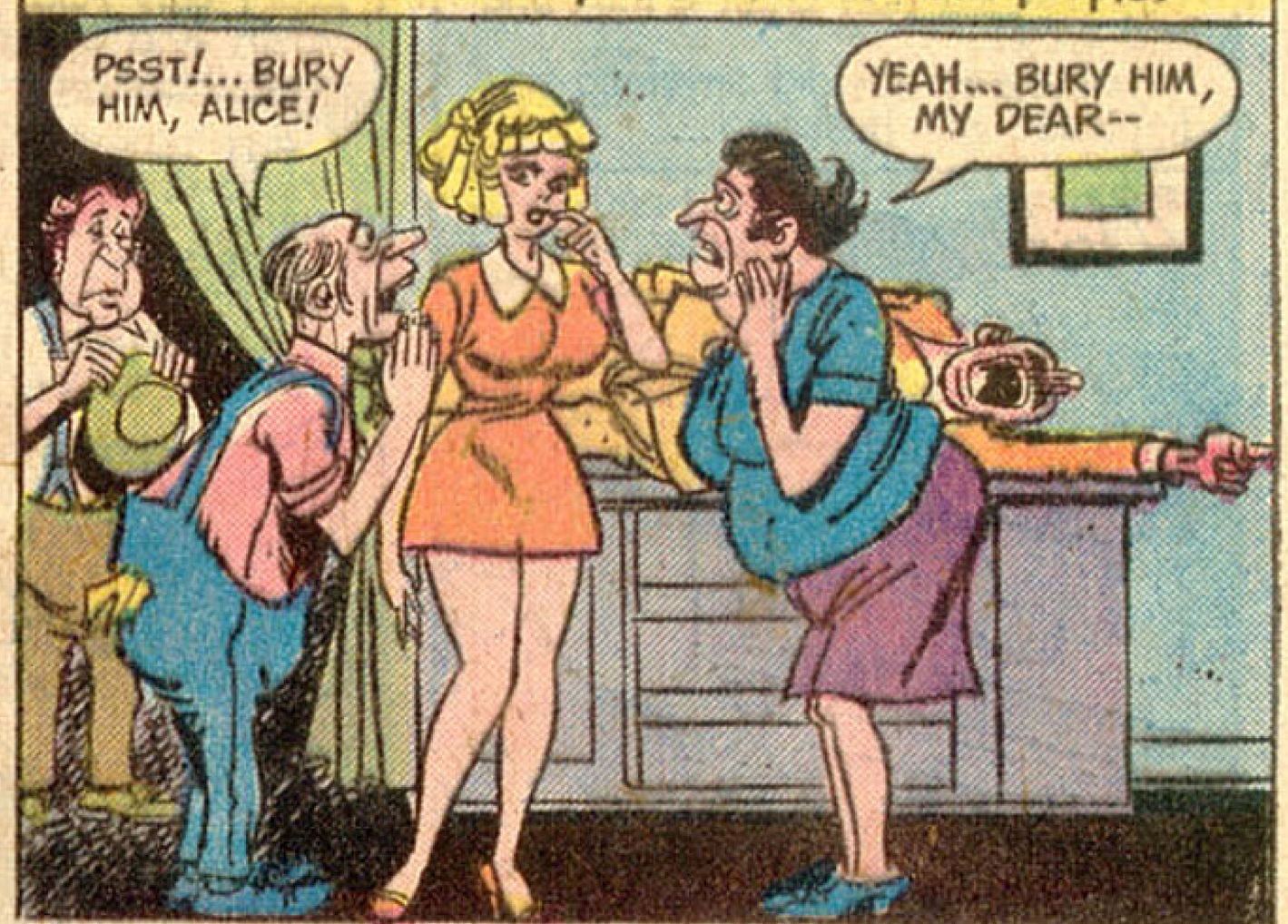
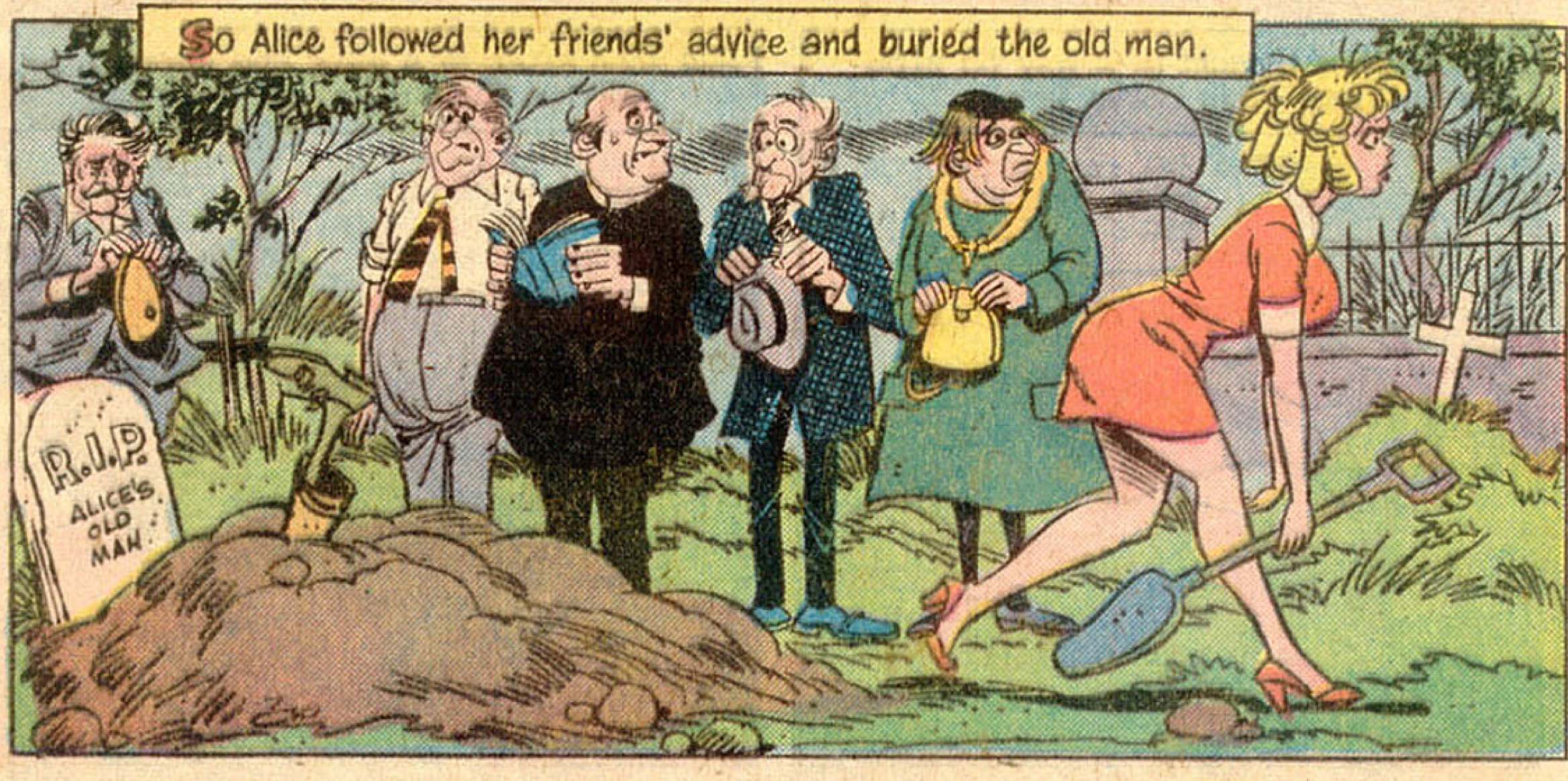
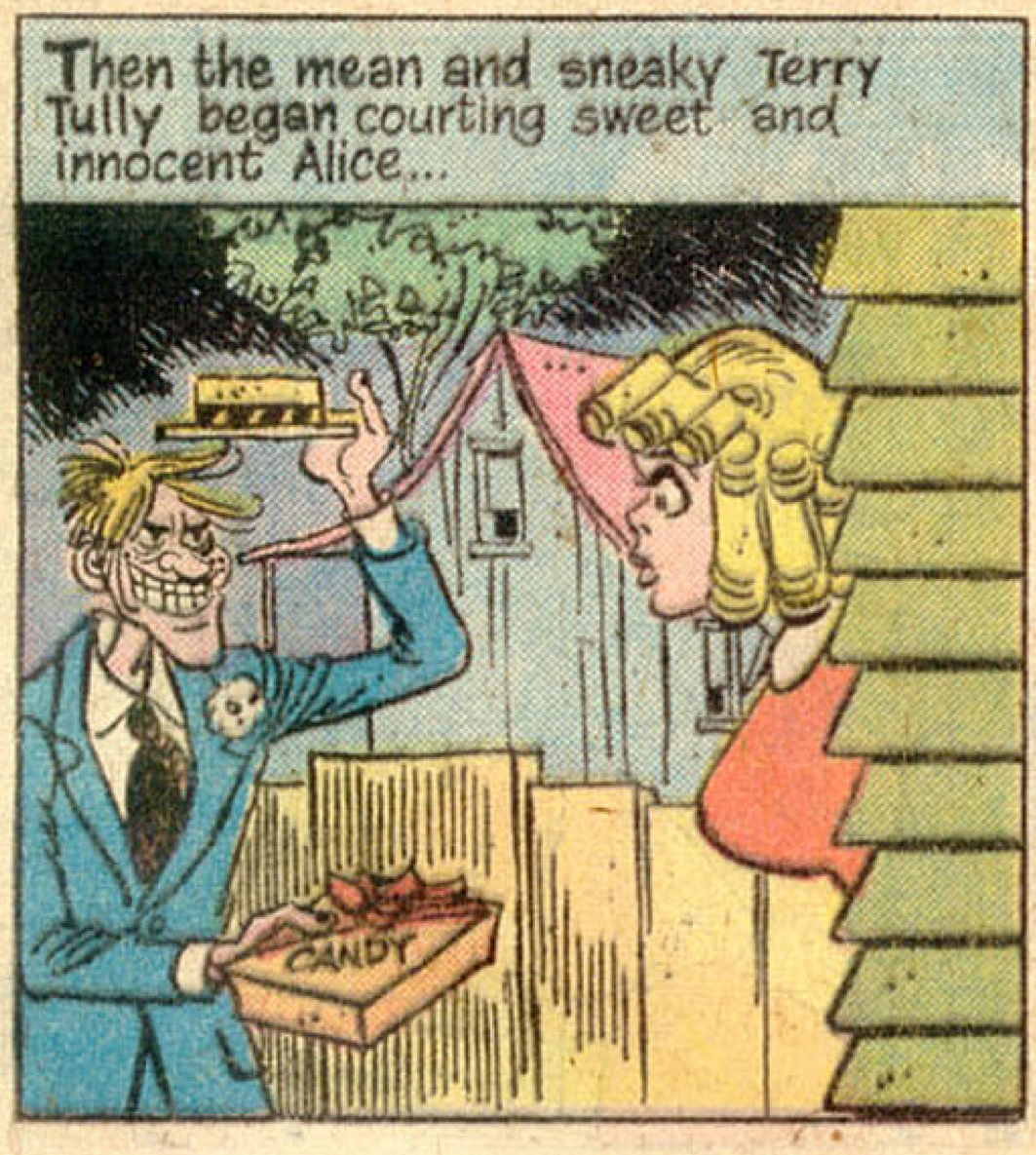
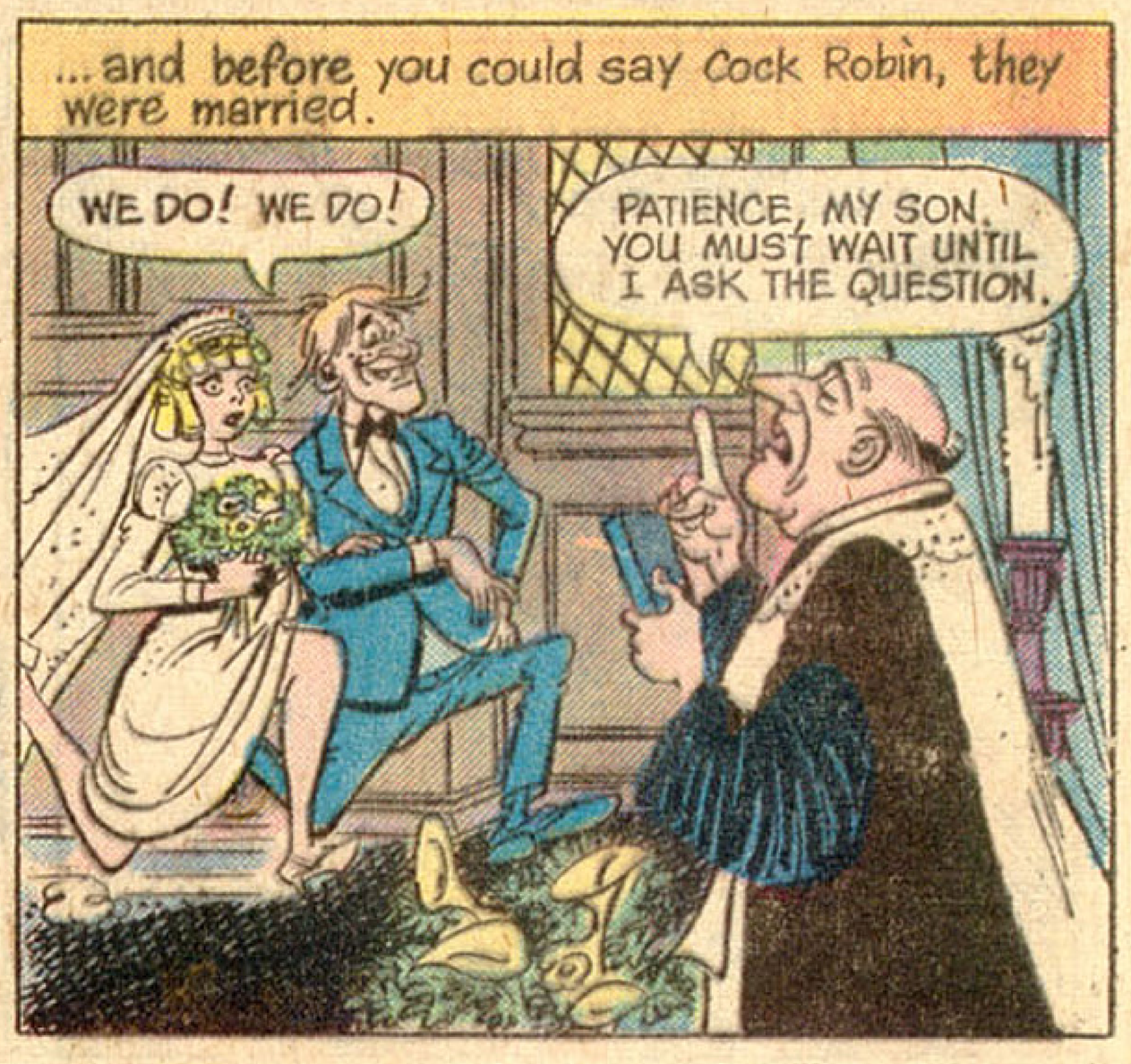
Alice was saddened by her father's demise.
The poor girl did not know what to do.


Finally, friends told her to bury the old man, mentioning that was what was usually done with demised people.
PSST!... BURY HIM, ALICE!
YEAH... BURY HIM, MY DEAR--


So Alice followed her friends' advice and buried the old man.
R.I.P.
ALICE'S OLD MAN


Then the mean and sneaky Terry Tully began courting sweet and innocent Alice...
CANDY


...and before you could say Cock Robin, they were married.
WE DO! WE DO!
PATIENCE, MY SON. YOU MUST WAIT UNTIL I ASK THE QUESTION.

Alas! It was not long after when Alice learned how cruel a man she had wed...
For whenever she did anything to displease her husband...

THUMP!

YOU CALL THIS SWILL "COFFEE"?

...THUMP! THUMP! THUMP! Every day Alice was kicked again and again...

BUT TERRY DEAR--I CAN'T HELP IT IF THAT SWEATER I KNITTED FOR YOU SHRUNK IN THE RAIN!

WHADYA MEAN RAIN? THE SWEATER SHRUNK THIS AFTERNOON...

THUMP!

...WHEN IT JUST GOT CLOUDY!

Finally Alice thought of a way to stop her husband from kicking her...

I'LL CALL ON DEVIOUS DORA, THE WITCH! THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO!

And soon after, in a dark and spooky cave on Devil's mountain...

YOU WANT ME TO PUT A CURSE ON YOUR HUSBAND THAT'LL STOP HIM FROM KICKING YOU, HEH?

Y-YES, DEVIOUS DORA! C-CAN YOU DO IT?

YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT, DEARIE! LIKE RIGHT NOW YOUR HUSBAND'S KICKING DAYS ARE OVER!

YUK! YUK! YUK! YUK!

Presently...

IS THAT HIM STANDING OVER ON THAT RUG?

YES, THAT'S HIM. ONLY THAT ISN'T A RUG HE'S STANDING ON. IT'S OUR DOG ROVER.

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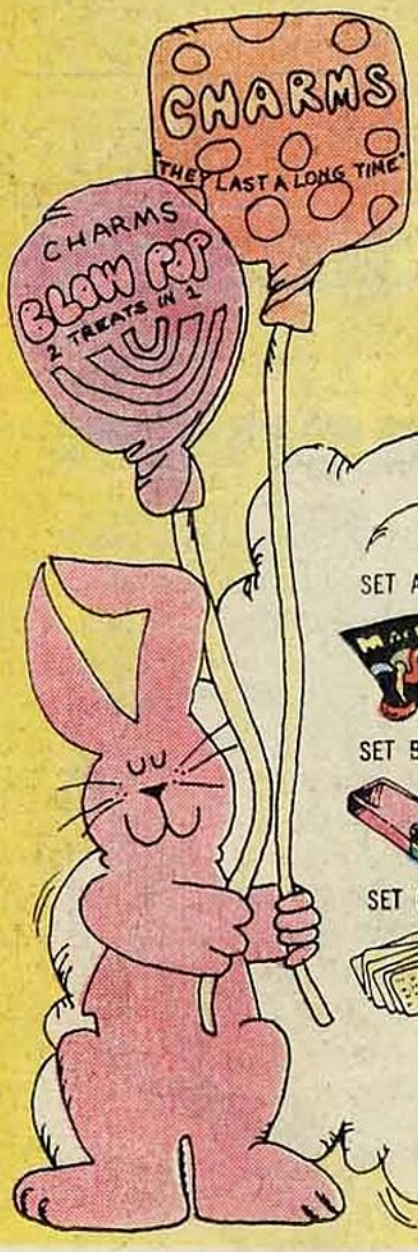

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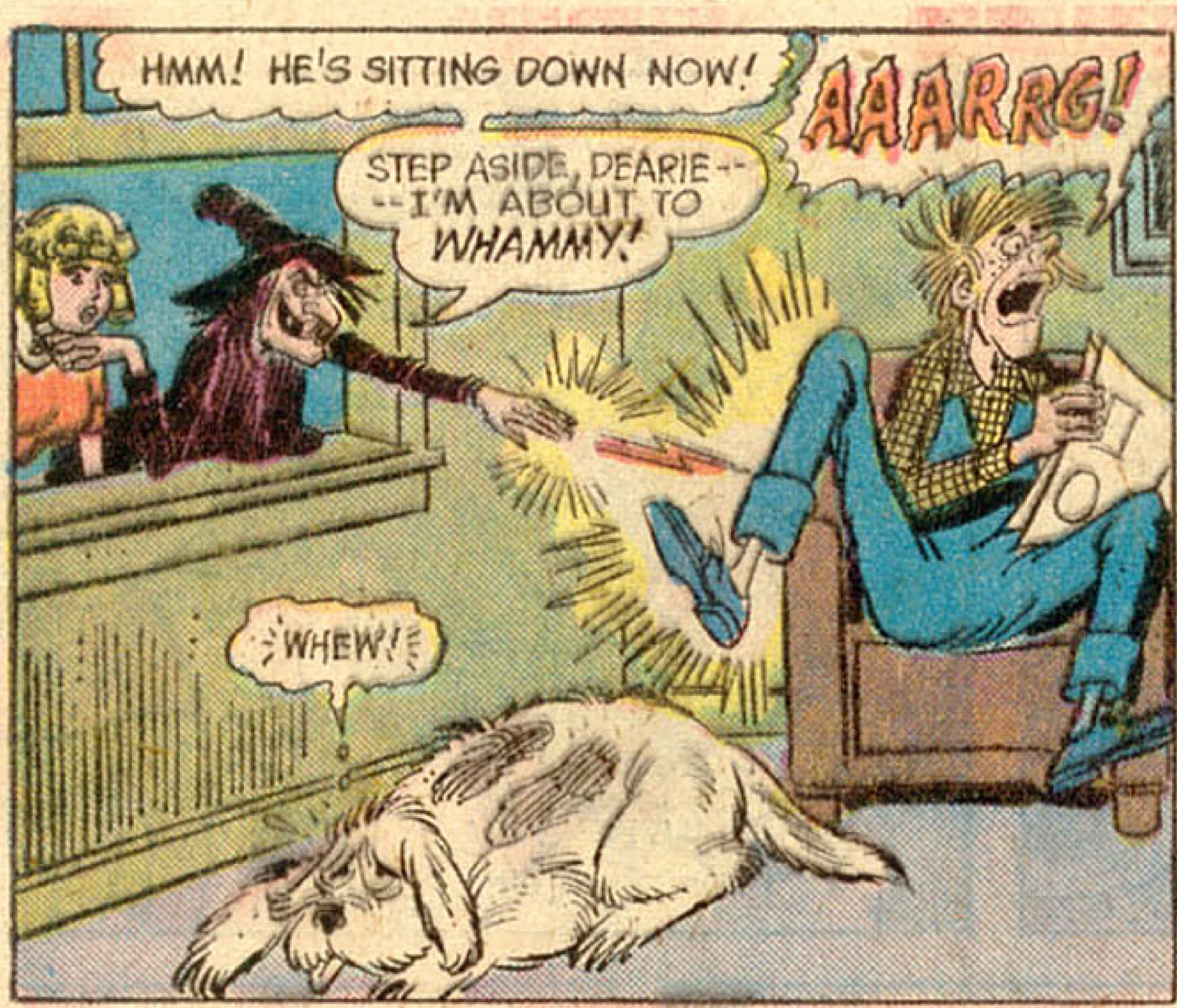
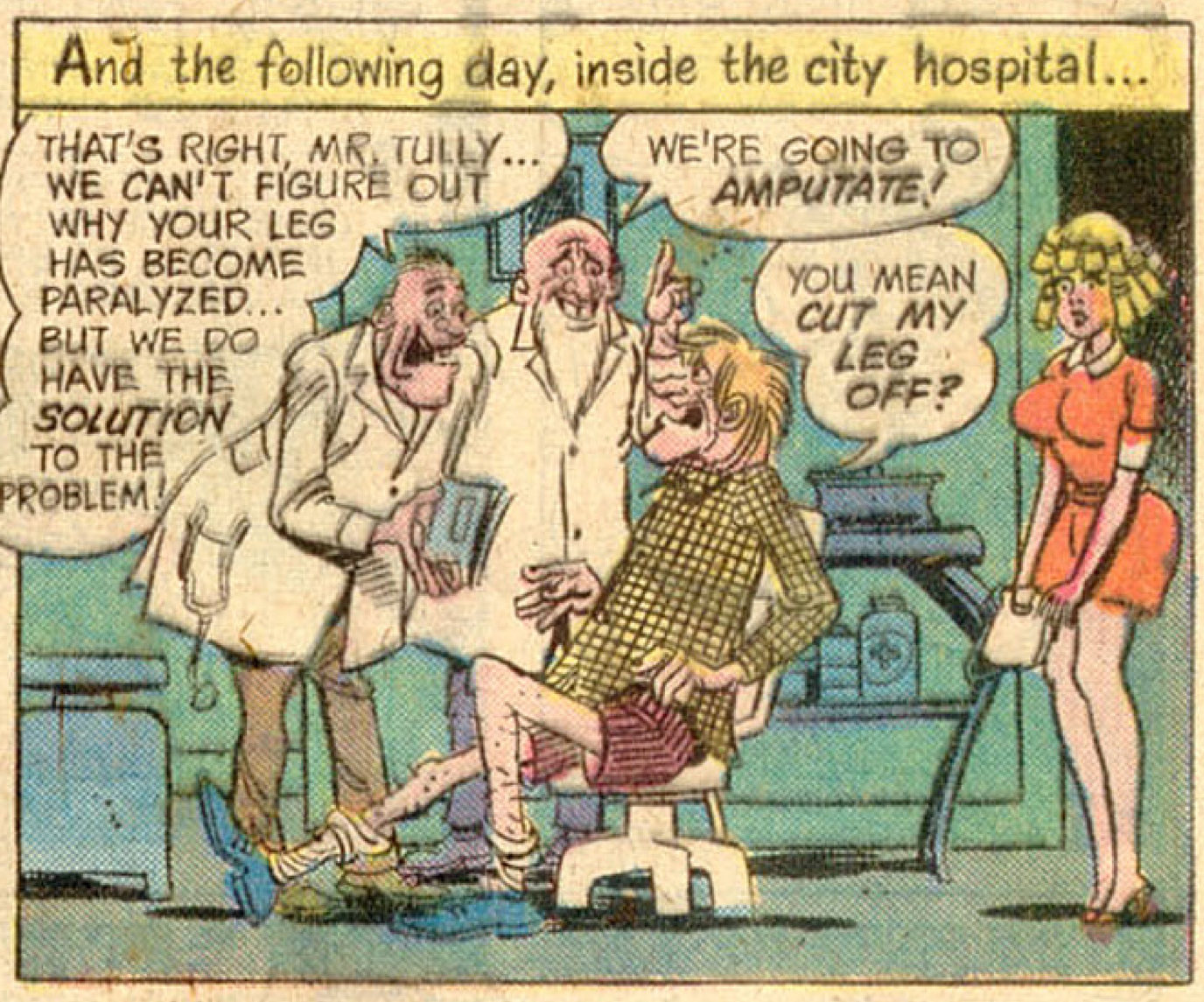
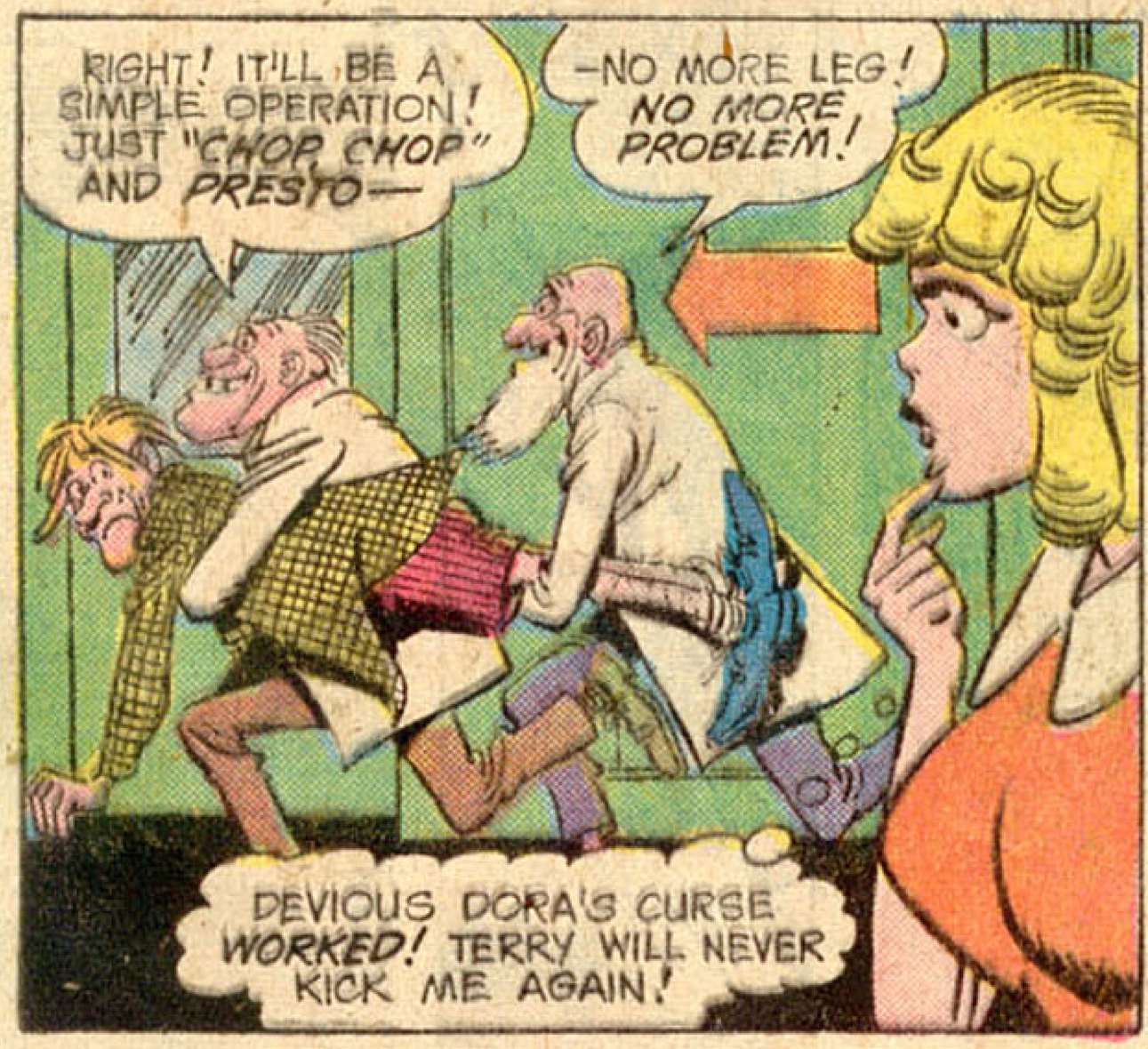

HMM! HE'S SITTING DOWN NOW!
STEP ASIDE, DEARIE -- -- I'M ABOUT TO WHAMMY!
AAARRG!
WHEW!

WHAT THE—? S-SOMETHING STRANGE HAS HAPPENED TO MY LEG!

Soon after...
YUK! YUK! YUK! I DID IT!! I PUT ONE OF MY SUPER-SPECIAL CURSES ON THE "KICKING MAN"!
HE'S HAD IT NOW!


And the following day, inside the city hospital...
THAT'S RIGHT, MR. TULLY... WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY YOUR LEG HAS BECOME PARALYZED... BUT WE DO HAVE THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM!
WE'RE GOING TO AMPUTATE!
YOU MEAN CUT MY LEG OFF?


RIGHT! IT'LL BE A SIMPLE OPERATION! JUST "CHOP CHOP" AND PRESTO—
—NO MORE LEG! NO MORE PROBLEM!
DEVIOUS DORA'S CURSE WORKED! TERRY WILL NEVER KICK ME AGAIN!

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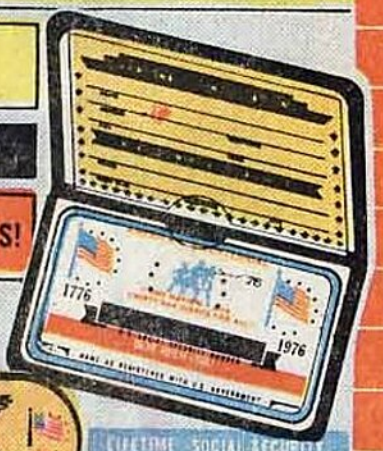

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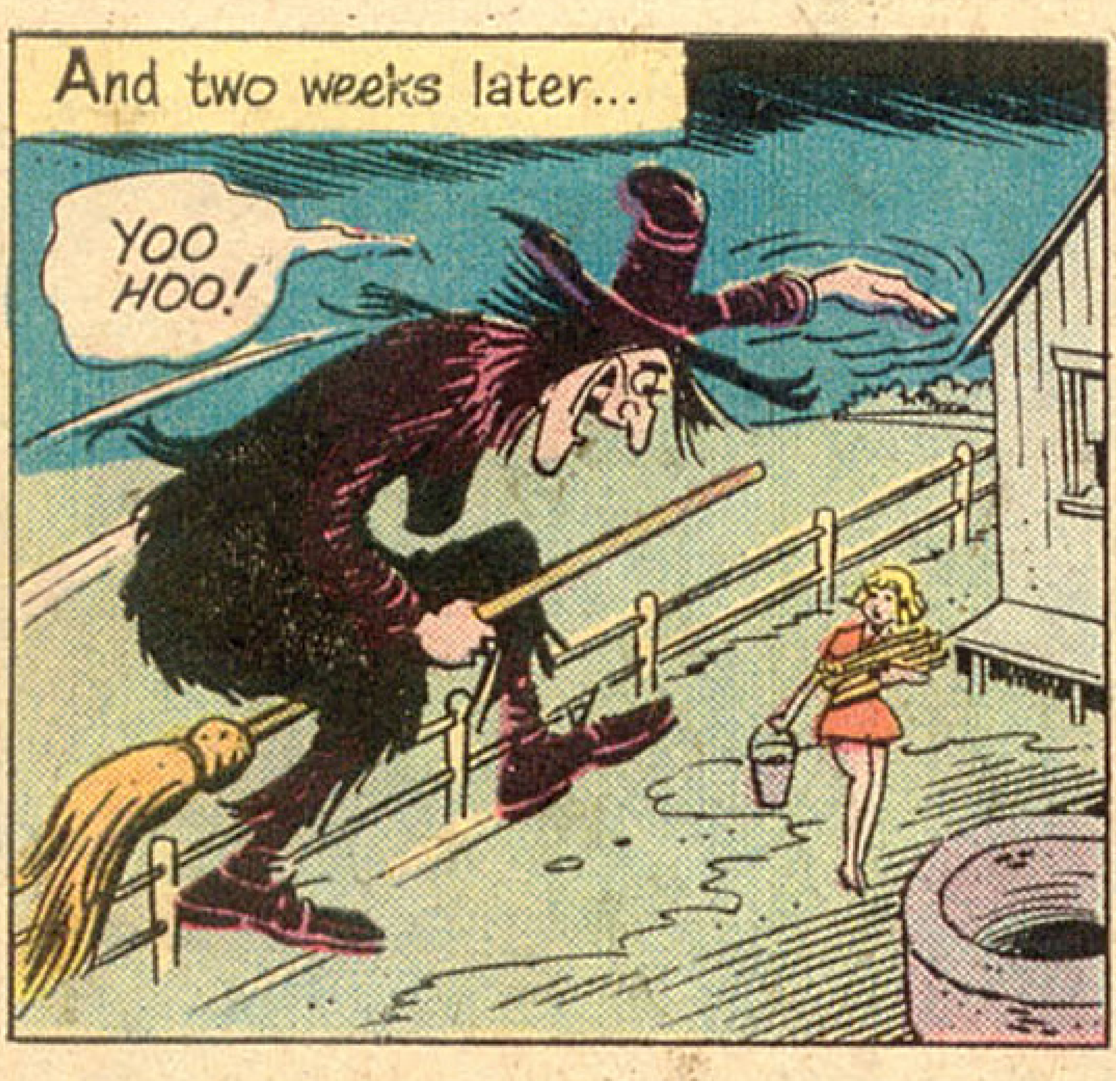
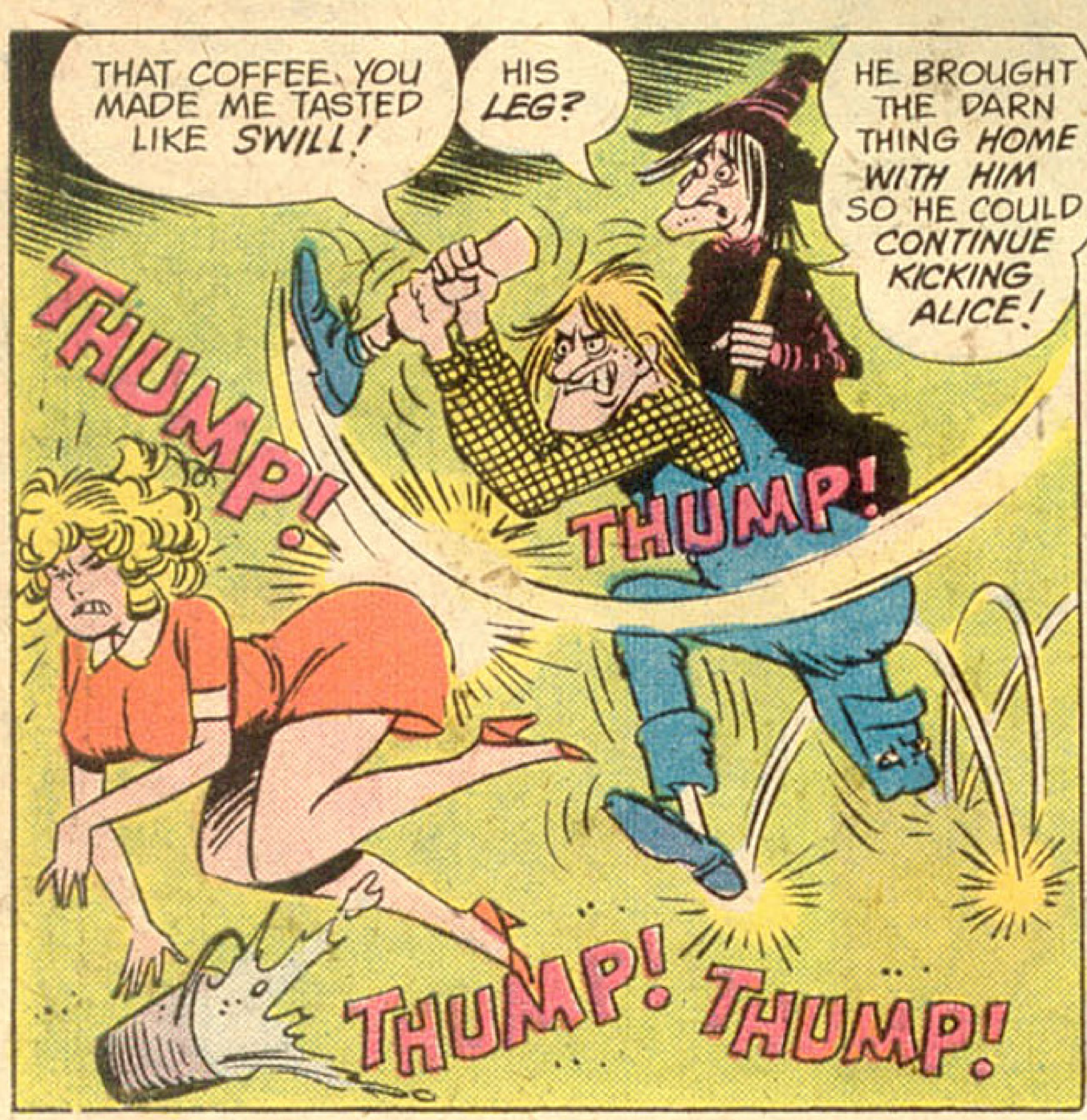

And two weeks later...
YOO HOO!

IT'S ME, ALICE! DEVIOUS DORA!
YOU LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER NOW?
NOTHING HAS CHANGED, DORA!

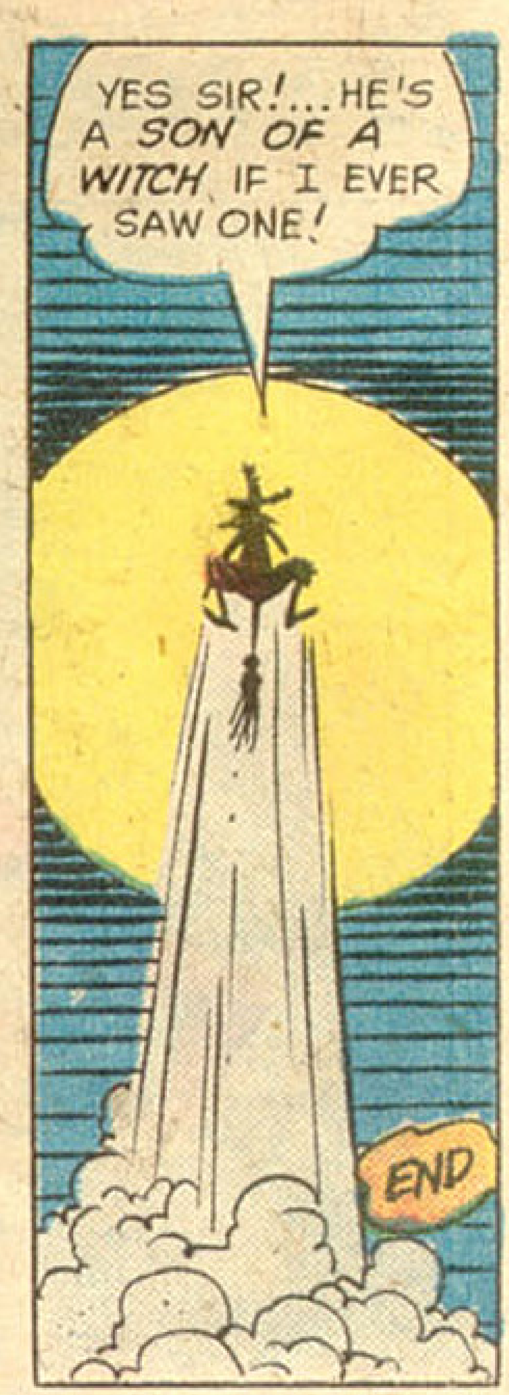
SAY AGAIN?
TERRY STILL PUNISHES ME WHENEVER I DISPLEASE HIM!

BUT HOW? DIDN'T THEY SLICE HIS LEG OFF AT THE HOSPITAL AFTER I WHAMMIED HIM?
YES... BUT WHEN HE CAME HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL, HE BROUGHT A PACKAGE WITH HIM!

A PACKAGE? WHAT WAS INSIDE THE PACKAGE?
P-T-T-TOO!
ALICE!


THAT COFFEE YOU MADE ME TASTED LIKE SWILL!
HIS LEG?
HE BROUGHT THE DARN THING HOME WITH HIM SO HE COULD CONTINUE KICKING ALICE!
THUMP!
THUMP!
THUMP!
THUMP!

MAN! I'D BE WILLING TO WAGER THAT TERRY CHARACTER HAD A SORCERER FOR A FATHER AND A WITCH FOR A MOTHER!


YES SIR!... HE'S A SON OF A WITCH IF I EVER SAW ONE!
END

WRETCHED RUDOLPH REALLY BLEW HIS STACK IN THIS ISSUE'S INTRO, DIDN'T HE?

BUT DON'T WORRY... HE'S LUCKY HE DID! YOU SEE, THE PLOP POLICE WERE AFTER HIM, AND HE JUST MISSED HAVING A SERIES OF...

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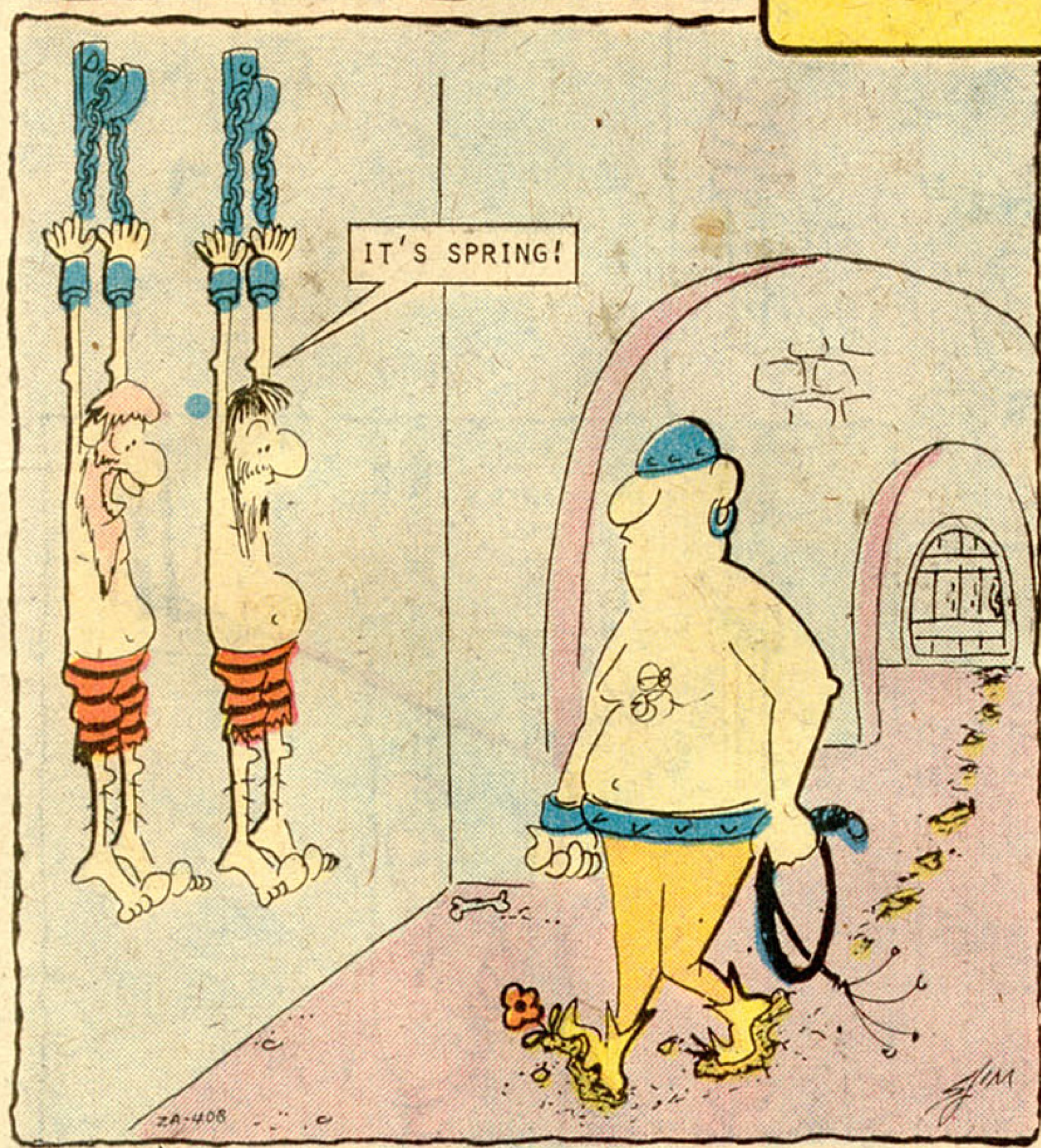


WHAT DO YOU CALL A RABBIT'S BED?

A HARE COT.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A SKY-DIVER WITH A BELLY ACHE?

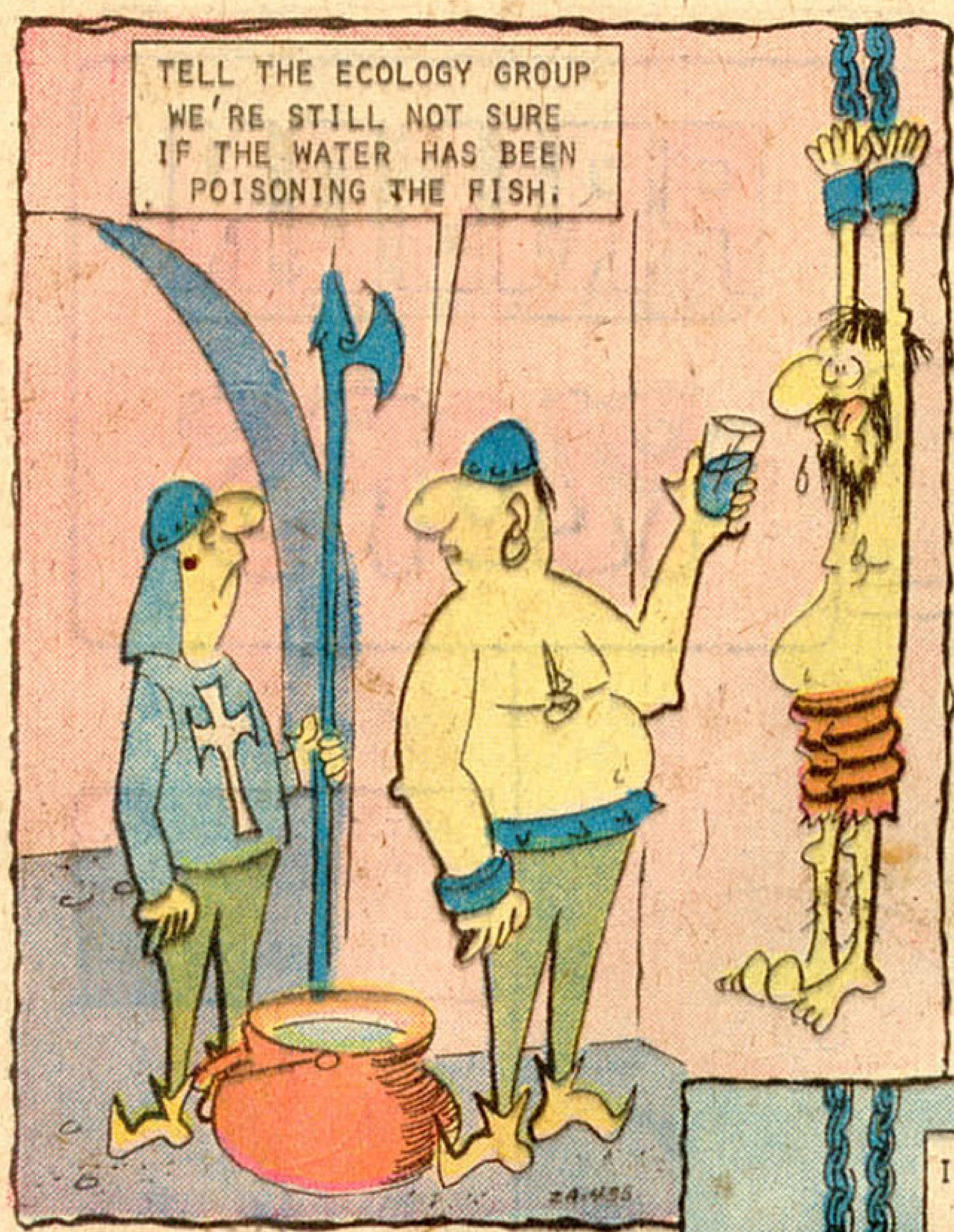
A SICK CHUTER.

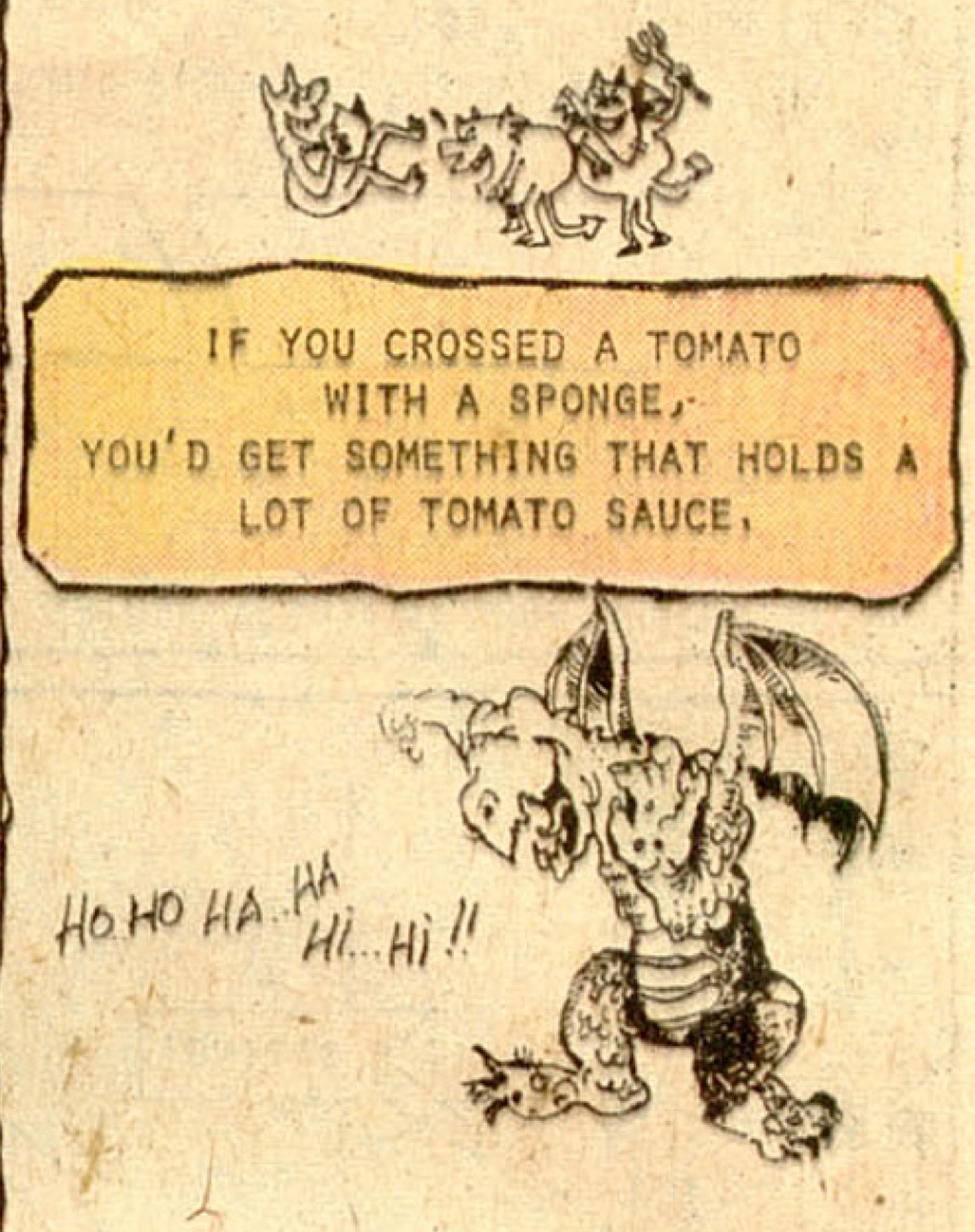
WHAT GOES, "DARLING! OUCH! DARLING! OUCH!"?

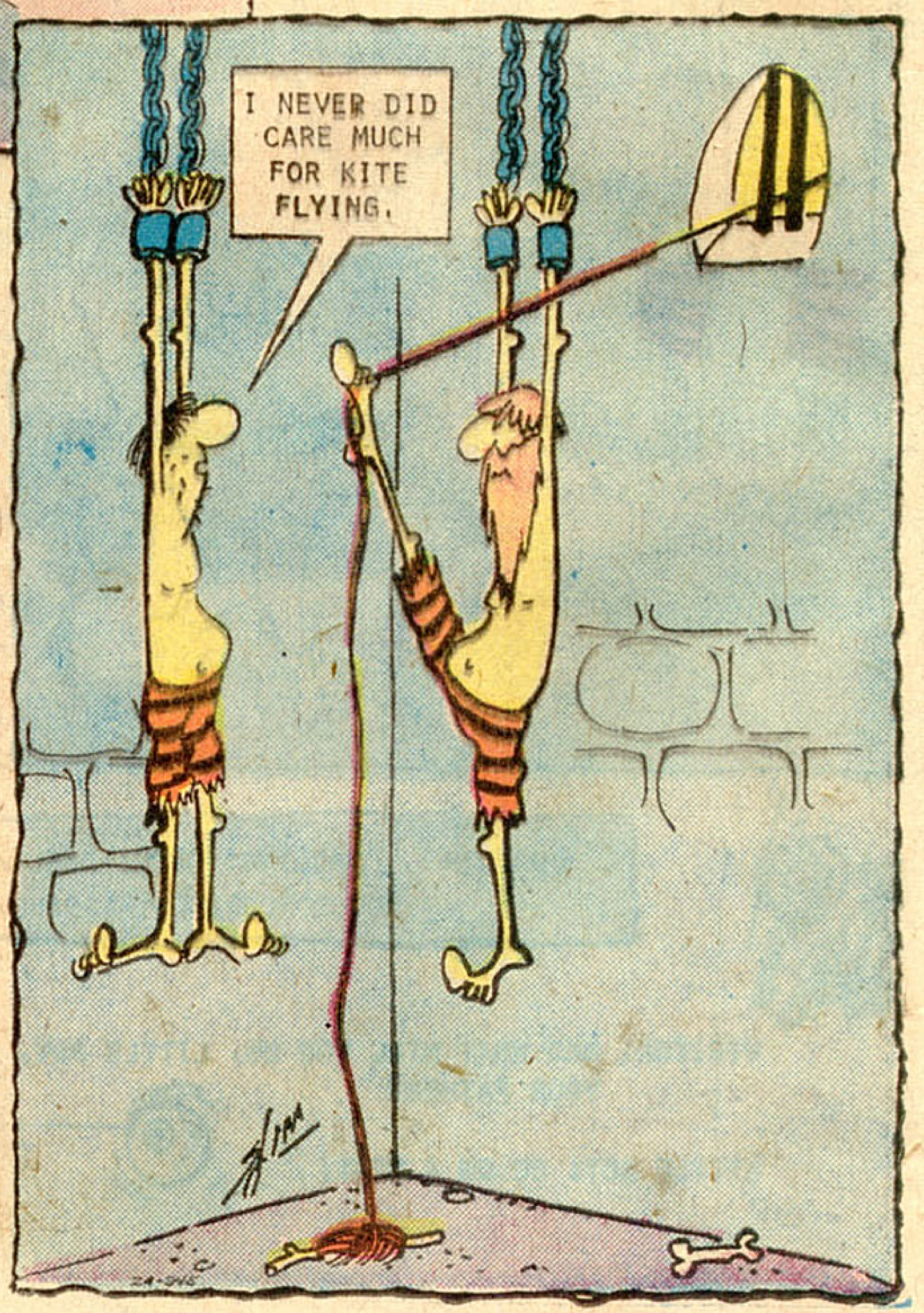
TWO PORCUPINES KISSING.

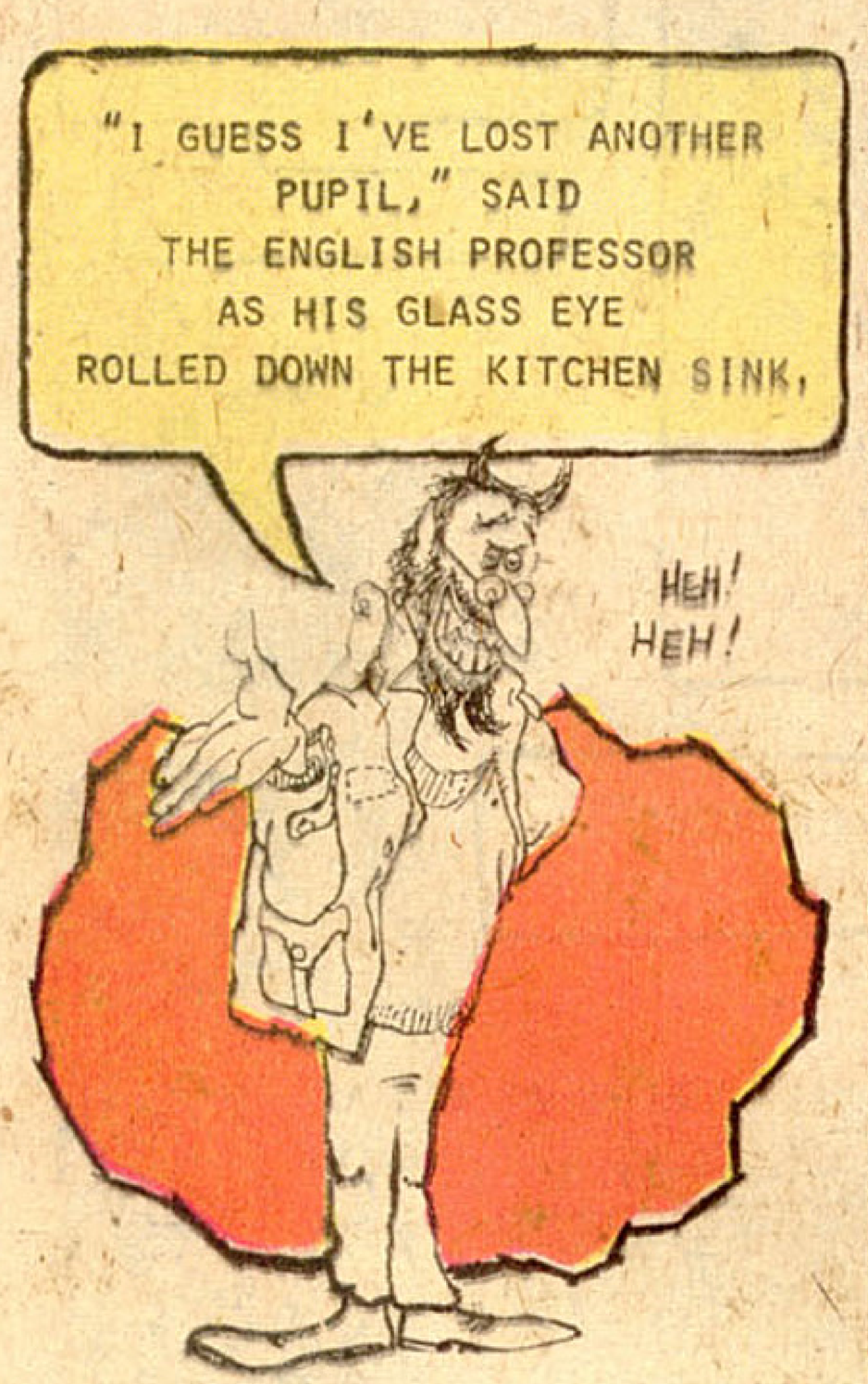
VISITOR: AND WHAT WILL YOU DO, LITTLE BOY, WHEN YOU'RE AS BIG AS YOUR FATHER?

LITTLE BOY: GO ON A DIET!


TELL THE ECOLOGY GROUP WE'RE STILL NOT SURE IF THE WATER HAS BEEN POISONING THE FISH.


IF YOU CROSSED A TOMATO WITH A SPONGE, YOU'D GET SOMETHING THAT HOLDS A LOT OF TOMATO SAUCE.
HO HO HA..HA HI...HI!!


I NEVER DID CARE MUCH FOR KITE FLYING.


"I GUESS I'VE LOST ANOTHER PUPIL," SAID THE ENGLISH PROFESSOR AS HIS GLASS EYE ROLLED DOWN THE KITCHEN SINK.
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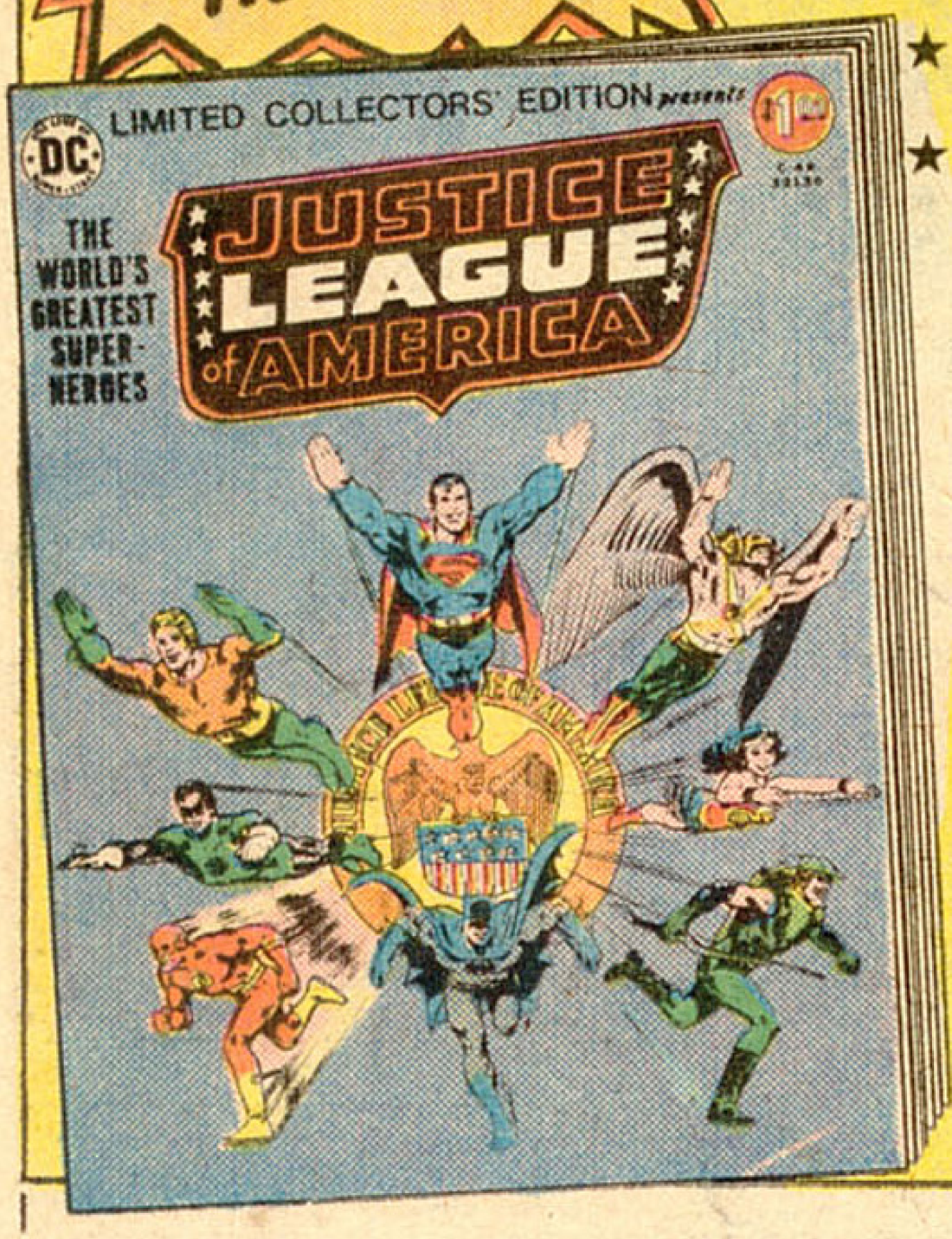

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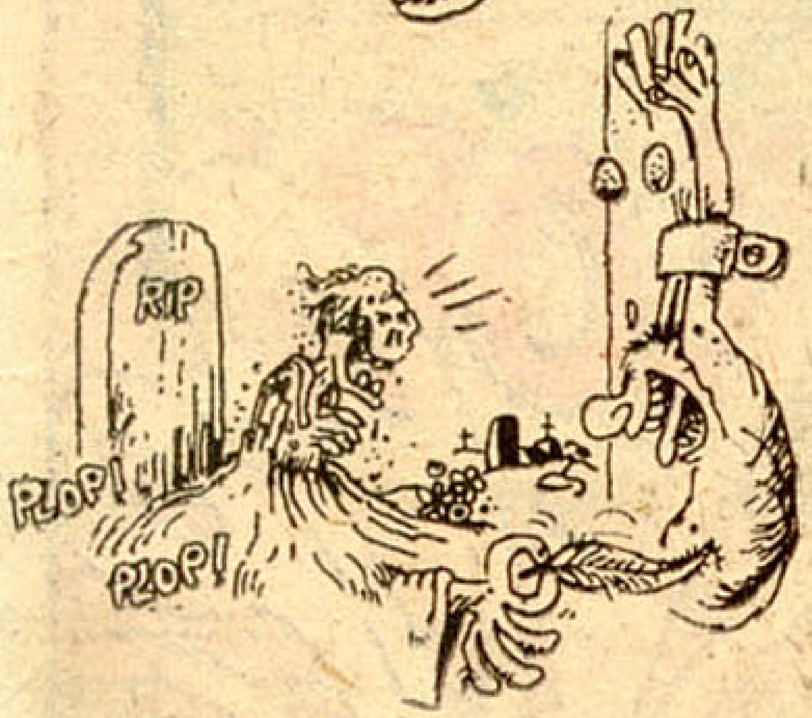
HE'S THE WARDEN'S SON-- THEY WANTED HIM TO START AT THE BOTTOM.

IF YOU CROSSED AN OCTOPUS WITH A MINK, YOU'D GET A FUR COAT WITH A LOT OF SLEEVES.



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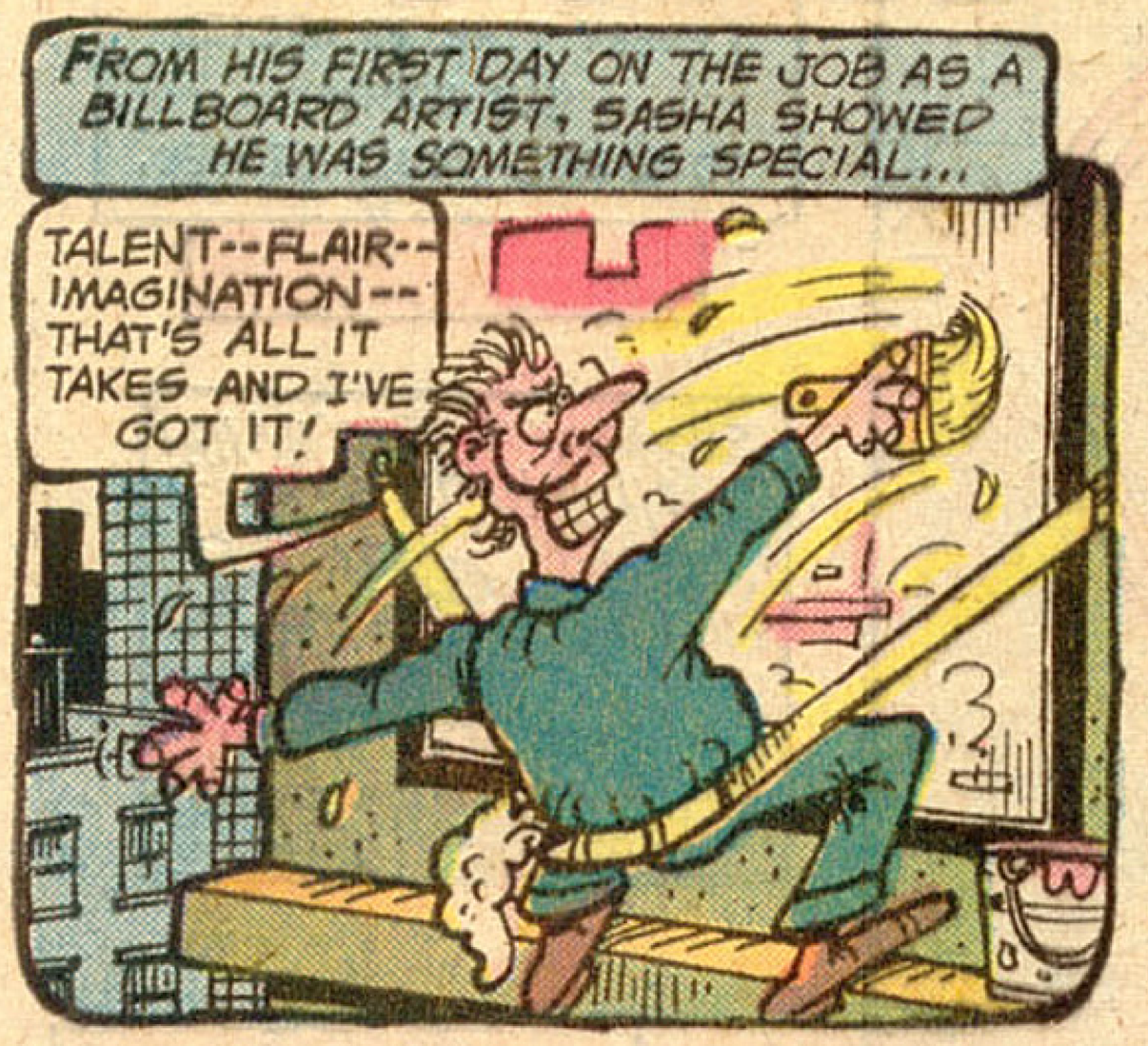

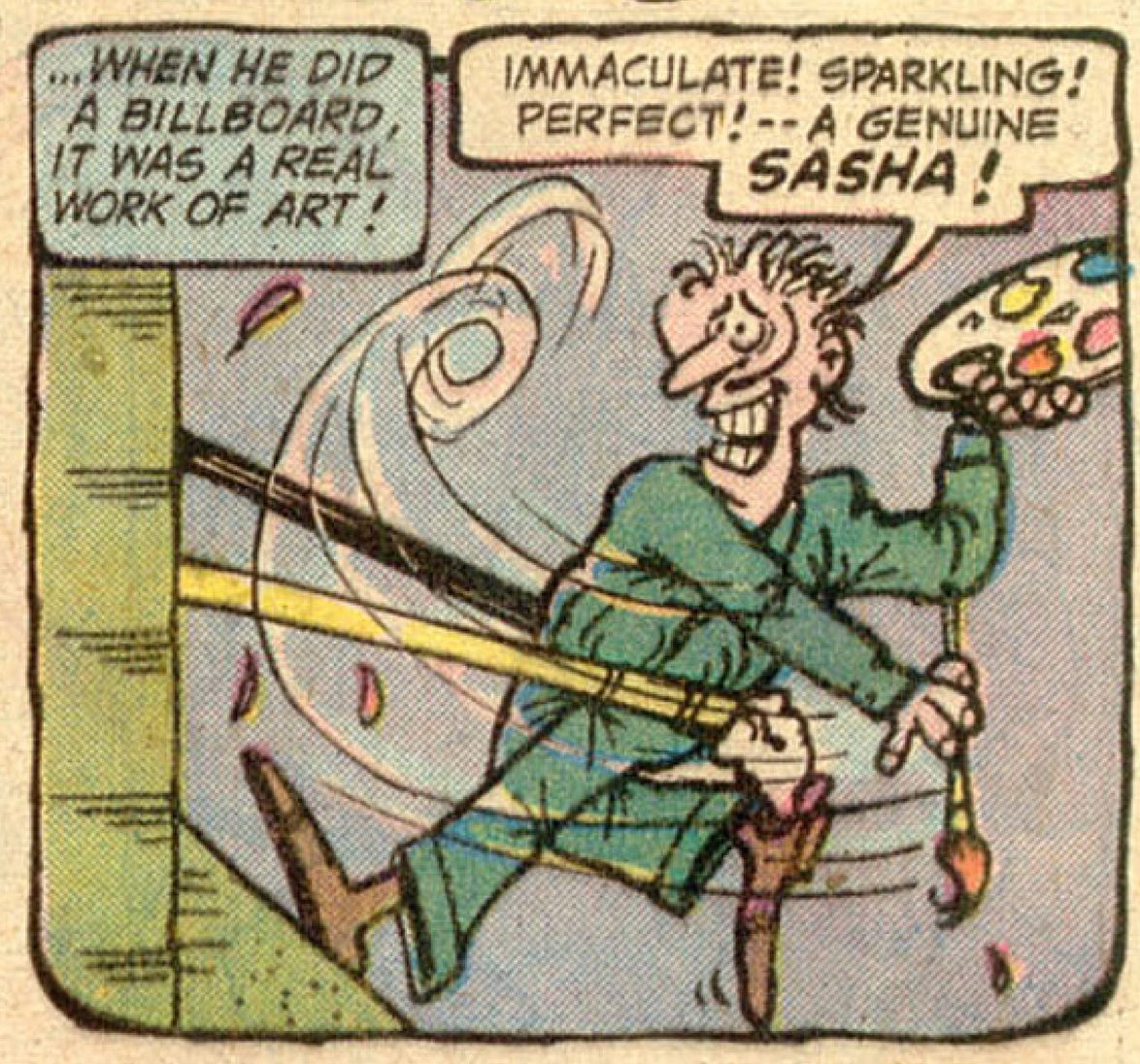

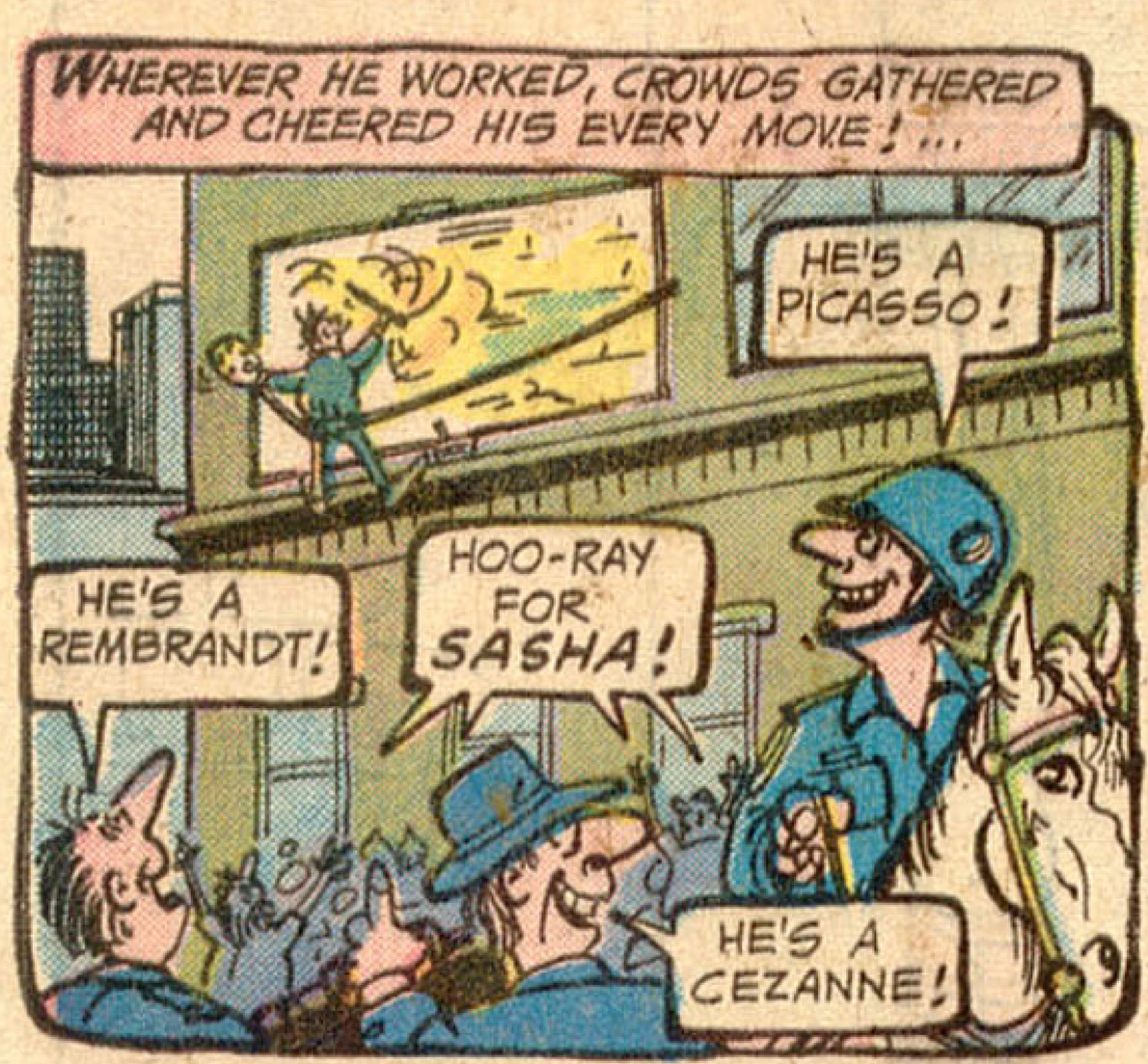

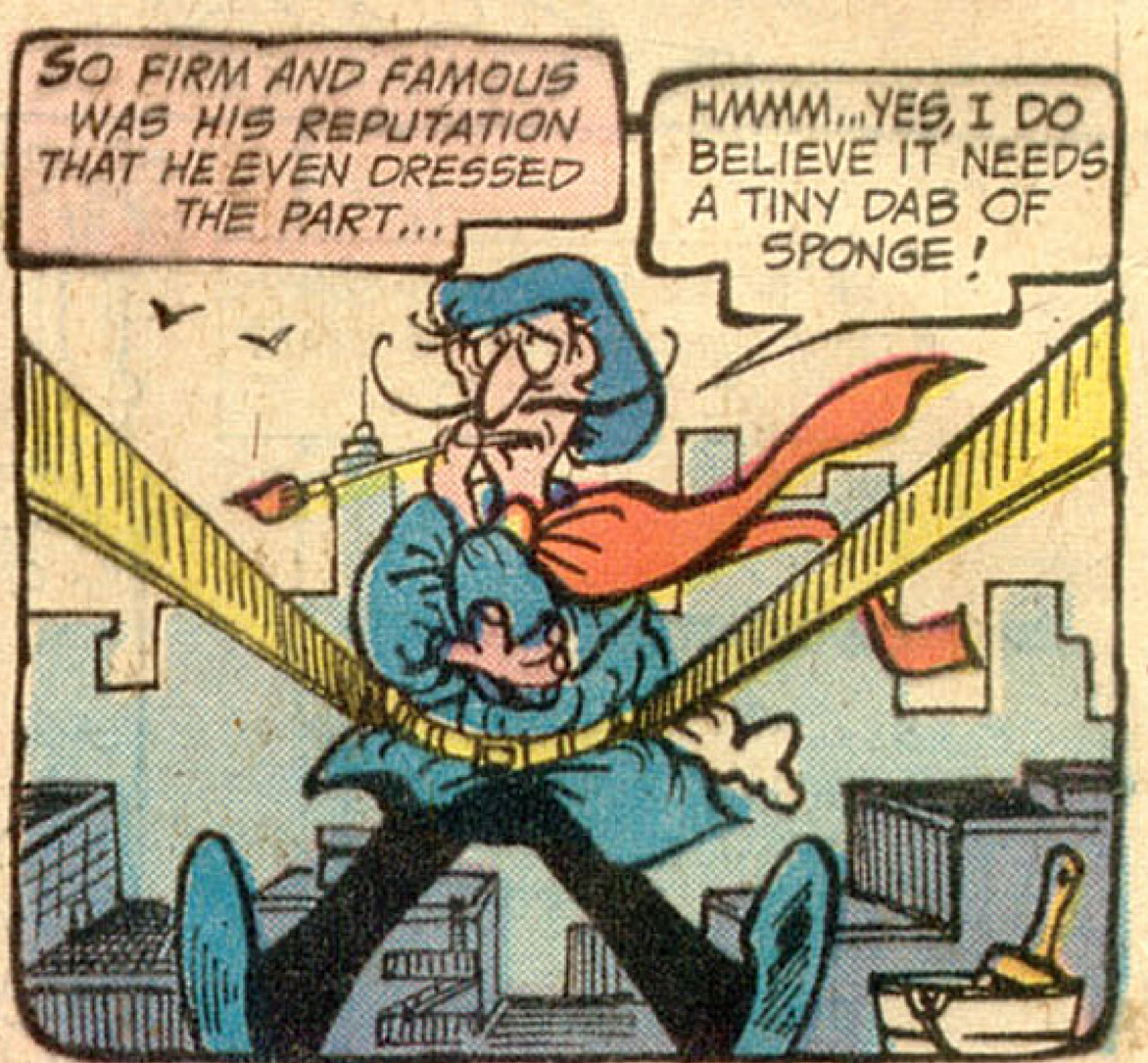

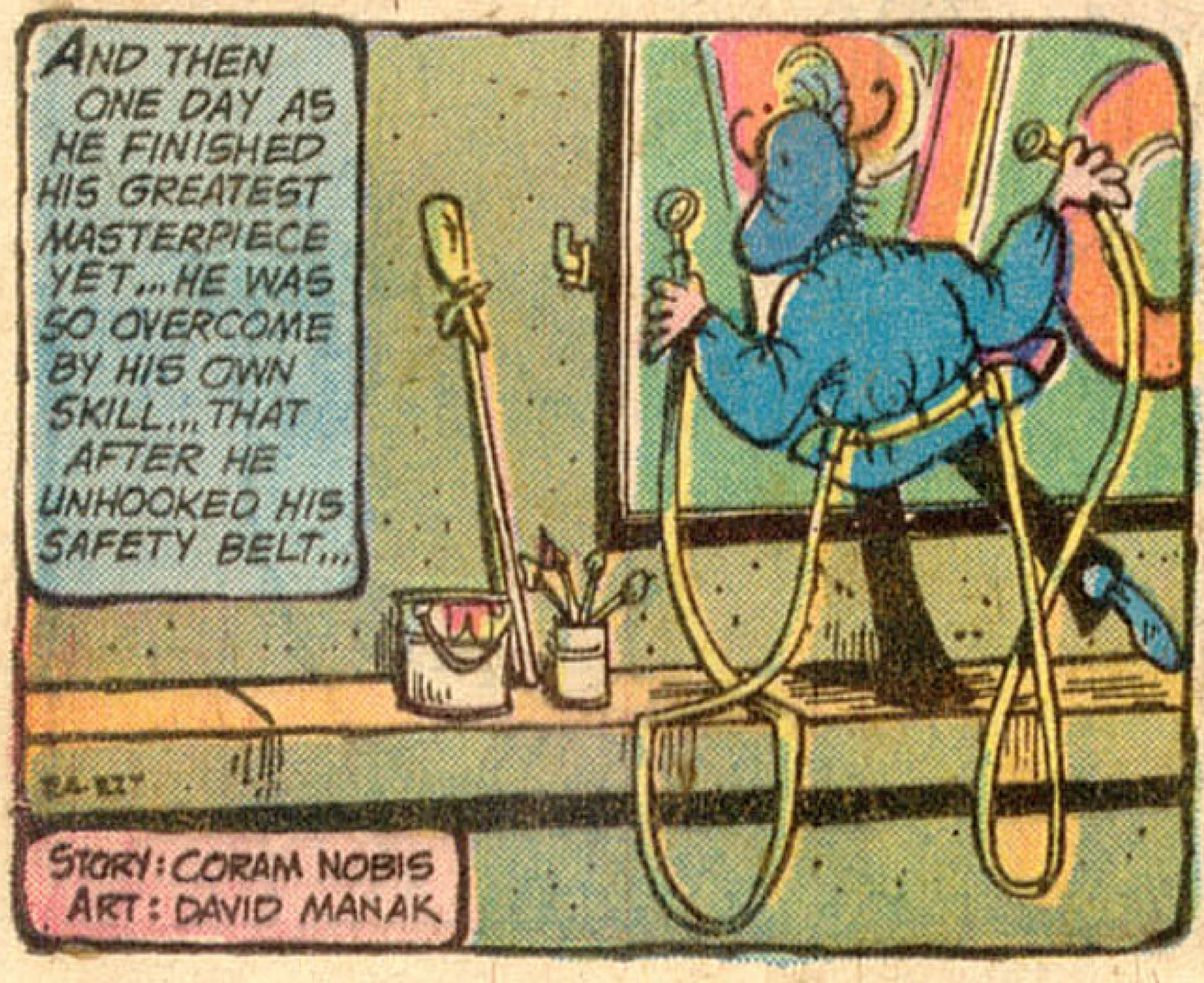

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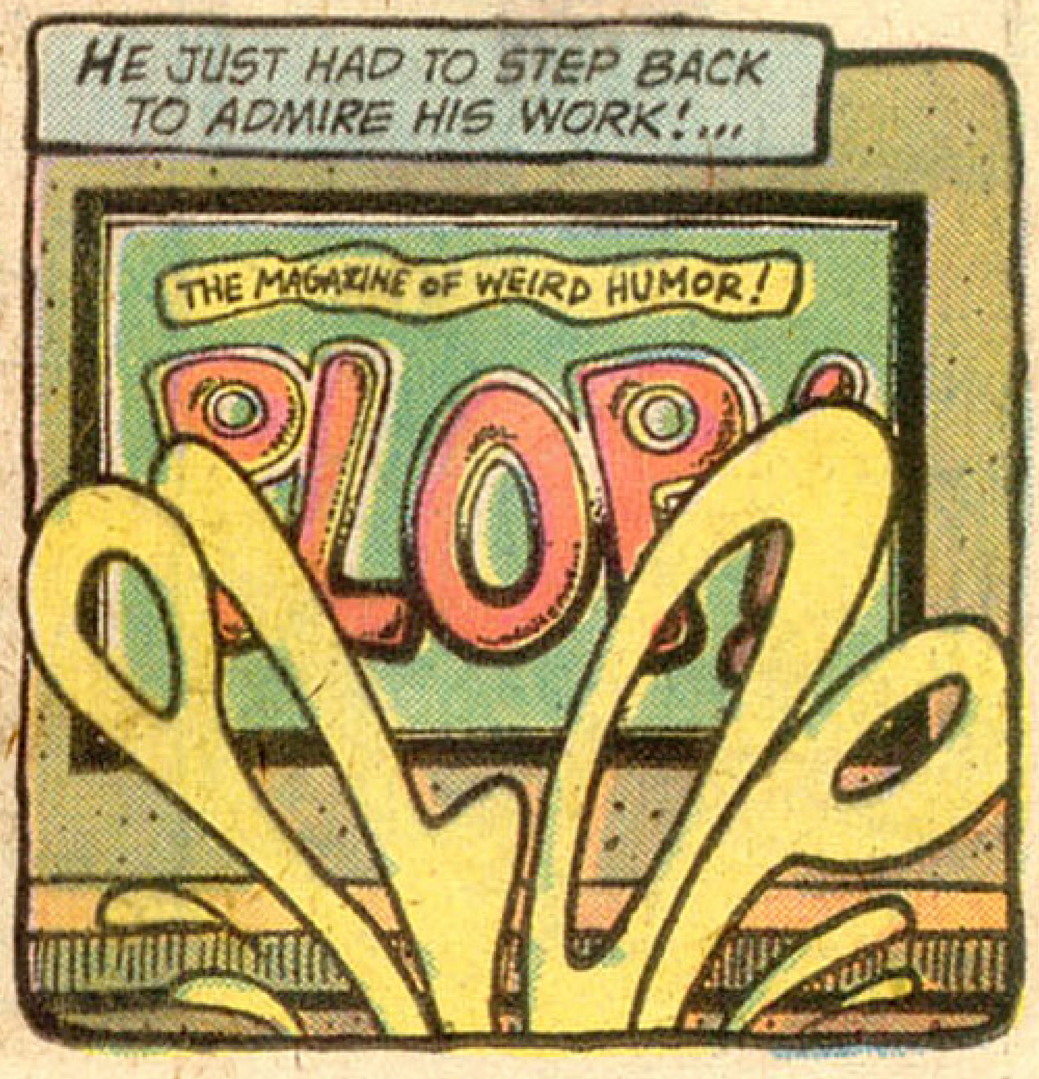

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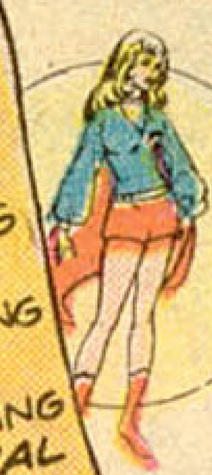

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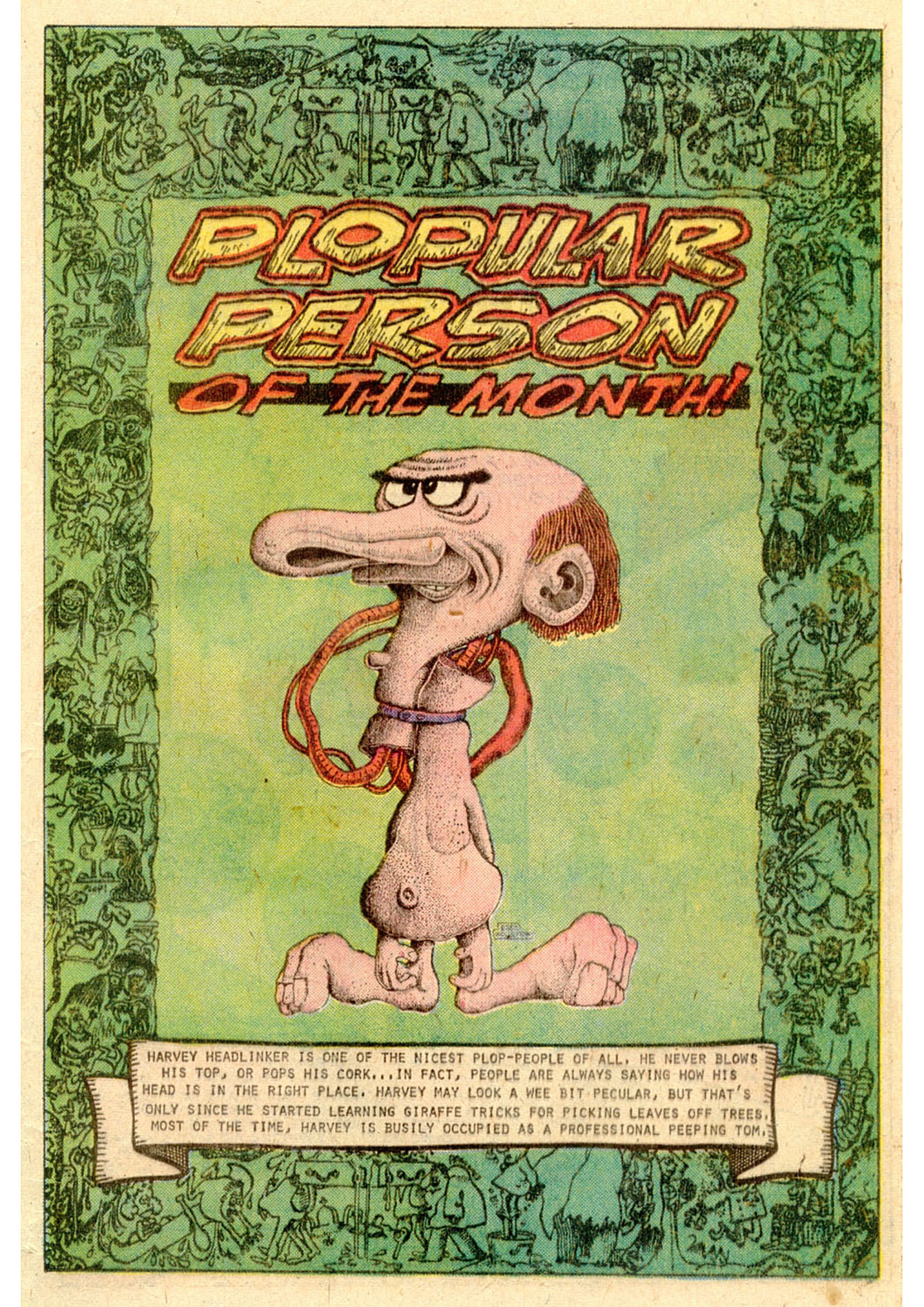
POPULAR PERSON OF THE MONTH!
HARVEY HEADLINKER IS ONE OF THE NICEST PLOP-PEOPLE OF ALL. HE NEVER BLOWS HIS TOP, OR POPS HIS CORK...IN FACT, PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS SAYING HOW HIS HEAD IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE. HARVEY MAY LOOK A WEE BIT PECULAR, BUT THAT'S ONLY SINCE HE STARTED LEARNING GIRAFFE TRICKS FOR PICKING LEAVES OFF TREES. MOST OF THE TIME, HARVEY IS BUSILY OCCUPIED AS A PROFESSIONAL PEEPING TOM.

WHEN PEOPLE DESCRIBED HERMAN AS BEING "EXTRAORDINARILY FAT," THEY WERE MERELY SCRATCHING THE SURFACE. HERMAN WAS NOT ONLY FAT *OUTSIDE*, HE WAS FAT *INSIDE*-- IN FACT, EVEN HIS HEAD WAS FAT... AND HE AND HIS WIFE WERE FOREVER ARGUING ABOUT IT...

MAYBE I JUST HAVE BIG BONES?

OR MAYBE YOU JUST HAVE *NO* BONES...

LIFE WAS EXTREMELY TROUBLESOME FOR HERMAN. IF HE WANTED TO VISIT FRIENDS--AND THEY HAD NO FREIGHT ELEVATOR-- HE HAD TO BE HOISTED UP TO THEIR APARTMENT, LIKE A PIANO...

CAREFUL, MEN! IF WE DROP HIM, WE COULD WIPE OUT A WHOLE CITY BLOCK!

IF HE WENT SWIMMING, PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS AN ISLAND... AND TRIED TO CLAIM HIM...

I, MAX SCRIMSHAW, DECLARE THIS TERRITORY TO BE MINE!

KINDLY GET OFF MY HUSBAND!

WHEN HE NEEDED CLOTHES, HE HAD TO SEND FOR OMAR THE TENTMAKER...

PERFECT! IT GIVES YOU THAT ROMANTIC LOOK OF THE DESERT!

HE LOOKS LIKE A WHOLE CARAVAN!

BUT WHEN THINGS GOT TO WHERE HERMAN COULDN'T TAKE A BATH WITHOUT MAKING 5 TRIPS, HIS WIFE DECIDED SHE'D HAD IT!

YOU CALL THIS A MARRIAGE? YOU CALL THIS TOGETHERNESS? I CAN'T EVEN GET INTO THE SAME ROOM WITH YOU! LOSE THAT WEIGHT OR I'LL GET A DIVORCE--IF ONE DIVORCE IS ACTUALLY ENOUGH!...

WELL, HERMAN CONSIDERED DIETING... UNTIL HE CALCULATED THAT EVEN THE FASTEST CRASH DIET WOULD TAKE 16 YEARS TO GET HIM DOWN TO JUST PLAIN, SERIOUS OVERWEIGHT...

I HAVE THE ANSWER!--IT SAYS HERE THAT A DOCTOR HAS INVENTED A PILL THAT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY TAKES OFF ONE POUND FOR EVERY PILL YOU TAKE!--SWEETHEART, I'M GONNA DO IT!...

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SO HERMAN SAW THE DOCTOR--AND TOLD HIM HOW MUCH WEIGHT HE WANTED TO LOSE!

CERTAINLY!--BUT YOU BETTER ADD 33 POUNDS TO THE TOTAL--THAT'S THE WEIGHT OF THE AMOUNT OF PILLS YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE!

WELL, HERMAN ATE THE 33 POUNDS OF PILLS. SWALLOWING THEM TOOK 4 HOURS, 35 MINUTES, AND 70 GALLONS OF WATER--AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER--

...IT'S HAPPENING! ...IT'S HAPPENING!

AND A FEW, VERY DRAMATIC MINUTES AFTER THAT--

IT HAPPENED! I'M THIN!... A LITTLE FLABBY, MAYBE... BUT THIN!

BOY, WHEN I INVENT A PILL, I REALLY INVENT A PILL!

HERMAN WAS THIN, ALL RIGHT, BUT, NOW HE HAD A BRAND NEW SET OF TROUBLES! HE HAD SO MUCH LOOSE SKIN, HE HAD TO GATHER IT UP AND CARRY IT OVER HIS SHOULDERS...

HOW CAN I GO ANYWHERE WITH YOU? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU FELL INTO A TAFFY MACHINE!

MAYBE I COULD PAINT IT--AND PEOPLE WOULD THINK I WAS WEARING A CAPE?...

AND, IF ANYTHING, THE QUALITY OF LIFE AROUND THE HOUSE WAS WORSE THAN BEFORE...

WOULD YOU MIND RAISING YOUR SKIN? I CAN'T FIND THE CAT AGAIN... AND ANYWAY, I'D LIKE TO SWEEP OUT UNDER IT...

AND NO MATTER HOW HE TRIED TO PLEASE HER, HERMAN'S WIFE WAS UNHAPPY. HE BOUGHT HER CANDY AND FLOWERS AND ALL SORTS OF GIFTS-- HE EVEN SANG TO HER... BUT IT WAS NO USE...

♫ I'VE GOT YOU-U-U ...UNDER MY SKIN! ♫

YOU CAN SING THAT TO THE CAT-- I'M NOT INTERESTED! YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO GO TO THAT DOCTOR AND GET RID OF THIS MESS!

SO--EVER WILLING TO PLEASE-- HERMAN WENT TO SEE THE DOCTOR...

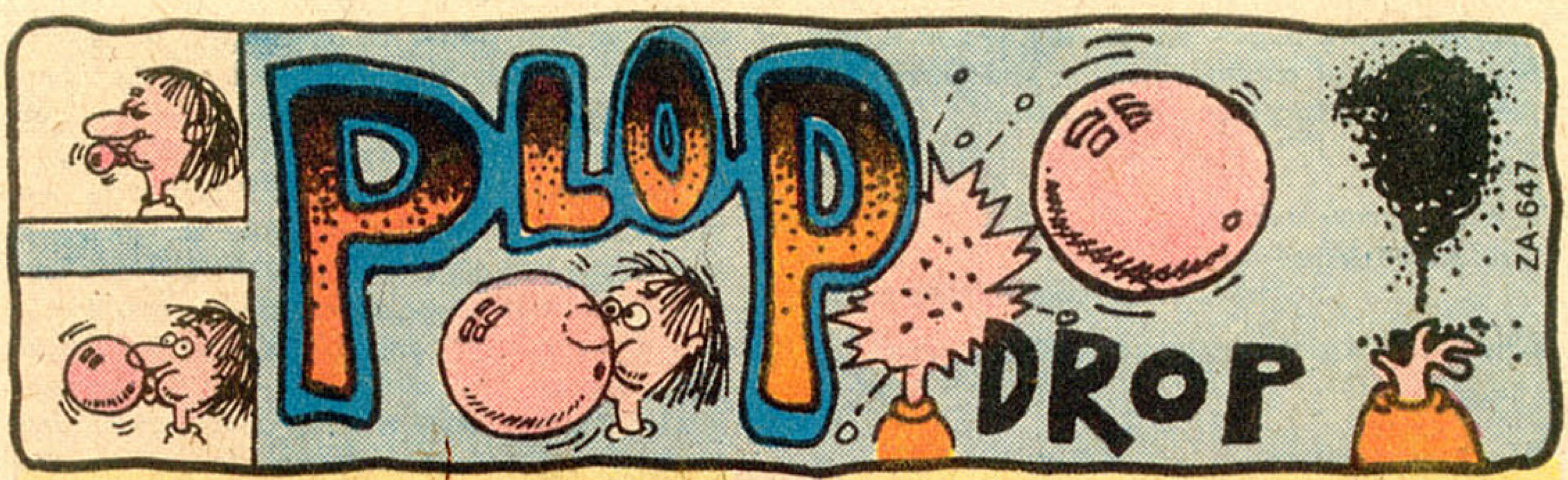
NOTHING TO IT!... IT'S JUST LIKE A FACE LIFT--WE RAISE ALL THE LOOSE SKIN, SLICE AWAY THE EXCESS, AND TIE THE REST TOGETHER... SIMPLE!

AND WHEN HERMAN FINALLY CAME HOME AFTER THE OPERATION...

HERMAN, DARLING, YOU'RE GORGEOUS! --AND YOU'VE EVEN GOT A BEAUTIFUL NEW CLEFT IN YOUR CHIN!

CLEFT, NOTHING--THE DOCTOR LIFTED SO MUCH SKIN, HE GOT MY BELLY BUTTON UP HERE!

The END



Un-dear Plop!
Yechh!

First, you give us a no-ads comic, bi-monthly. Then you give us a monthly mag, with ads. Then you put it back to bi-monthly, still with ads.

What gives?

Jimmy Holcomb, Mesquite, Texas

What gives is that we need the ads to pay for the art . . . but as of last issue (trust PLOP! to announce its greatest news scoops AFTER they happen), PLOP! is going to be a bi-monthly with ads . . . but with more new material than ever before. Of course, we do have to charge a bit more, but we feel it's a bargain compared to the possibility of a 30¢ price for seventeen Ploppish pages.

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Dear Plopsters,

I recently read one of your comics. I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed it, throwing it away that is. Your book made a very good liner for my garbage can. Why don't you ding-alings cool it, and toss your fruitless efforts into the nearest sewer. You must be touched in the noggin to ever have come up with such shenanigans in the first place. Why don't you write some original stories for better results. Please don't infest my favorite store with your smelly **Plop** comics. Your **Plop** is chasing the customers away.

Unsigned, Naturally

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Dear Plopeteers,

Did you know that **Plop** is really shining bright? But then, most stars do nova brightly just before burining out!

Linas Sabalys, Laval, P.Q., Canada

Or before they super-nova, and get even brighter!

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Dear Plop People,

PLOP IS GOOD FOR:

1. staying home from school—one look at **Plop** and you don't have to PLAY sick.
2. scaring cockroaches away—just line cracks in walls with it. It works ten times better than **Raid.**
3. a secret weapon in the next world war—just show the enemy the cover of **Plop,** and threaten to open it and read it. Believe me, they'll turn in their weapons, strip to their long johns, and drop a big one on their own country.

As you can see, **Plop** can be very useful!!!

Ron Lindsey, Augusta, Georgia

Good idea, that #3 . . . but would you mind if we turned it on you?

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Dear Plop,

I've been reading **Plop** for some time now, and I have, with my magnificent powers of observation, listed all of the good qualities of your magazine:

Ken Kemble, San Antonio, Texas

ATTENTION: PLOPPERS! Mercy, please! We cannot continue to return the scripts, gags and covers you send in without return postage—or fill the requests for back issues. We do not stock back numbers, and are not buying outside scripts at this time.

Dear Ploped ones:

Since I live in a dungeon, I was throughly intrigued by the cover of **Plop!** #20 (it was left for me to read as torture), but upon looking inside (which was extremely hard, since my hands were shackled and holding my weight, so I had to use my toes), I found only three **Prison Plops.** But the ones on the cover made up for this loss.

Being in the same situation, I thoroughly enjoy **Plop's Prison Plops,** so please print more in the future.

You'll please excuse the penmanship on my signature, but I am signing this with my toe.

Mike Thompson, Lockemup Prison

With our extra pages, we've returned to a full complement of confinement . . . and we're not planning on letting it escape us again.

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To whom it may concern:

re: **PLOP**: Why?

Mott the Hobbit, Middle Earth

Why not? It's gotten to be a hobbit with us.

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Dear Kraa-zee People,

Hi! I just got back from my daily walk, but I can't get this lovely red leash off my neck. I don't know why the nice men in white coats make me wear it. When I ask the nice man who walks with me, he just looks at me with this really funny grin. I tell you, I personally think he's funny in head! He never calls me by my real name. You see, I have this number, 217, on my pretty black & white hat, and he thinks it my name! I tell you what I wear. I got these beautiful white, long john-like cloths, wid beautiful black stripes. The nice men say the reason that we have white wid black stripes, and they have solid white, is because we're a higher rank than they are. Like a Sgt. has more stripes than a Private, they tell us. But when they tell us, they have the same funny grin on face. Sometimes they even ball out laughing. They act like they really happy. Eder that, or they got problems in head! Now I tell you 'bout Jimmy. (Jimmy's my best friend, that's who Jimmy is!) Me & Jimmy have lot'a fun bounc'in on soft padded walls! Me & Jimmy share same room. While we not bounce on walls, we play wid dis lovely box wid all sorts'a holes in it. The nice men tell us dat we have'ta fit all dees funny shaped blocks in the box, but me & Jimmy can't figure out how da get'im out, once we get dim in. Everytime we ask the nice men in white coats, they just stare at us wid same funny grin. Me & Jimmy really have lot'a fun! Right now while me write dis letter, Jimmy on uder side'a room bouncing from wall to wall! Oh! Oh! Here come nice man in white coat wid new issue of **Plop** for Jimmy! Jimmy buys **Plop** wid money he earns from men in white coats for digging great beeg holes in ground. Jimmy say he can't figure out what good it dus, but when he ask nice man he work for, nice man just look at Jimmy wid same funny grin! Well anyway, Jimmy stop bounc'in on soft wall ta look at **Plop**. Jimmy like cover'o **Plop**. He tear it off an eat it! Jimmy has lot'a comics, but none'a them have covers! Jimmy say they taste like mashed potatoes, but I think him tastebuds all messed up! Oh! Look! Now he read **Plop**! Oh! Oh! Now he hit head on soft wall! It look like fun! Me have'ta try it sometimes! Uh! Oh! Here come nice man in white coat to take Jimmy for his walk. "Here, Jimmy! You can use my leash!" I say'ta Jimmy. One'a de nice men stop Jimmy from hit'in head on soft wall, an oder man walk slowly toward me wid pretty white knife in hand & same ole funny smile on face! "Hey! What you go do!?!" I say. Nice man take knife & cut lovely red leash off'a neck! "Ouch! Hey! I can breathe! Me like'ta breathe! Oh! Oh! I need bandaids though!!" The nice man in white coat look at me wid same ole funny, stupid, ridicilous, silly, dumb, kraa-zeeee, weird, coo-coo grin! I know he's funny in head now. So dat must be what de soft walls are for! "Oh! Look! Men tie red leash around Jimmy's neck! Ha! Ha! Jimmy make funny faces! Oh well! Goo-bye Jimmy, An goo-bye to all you kraa-zee people!!!!!"

Unsigned

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Dear Orlando, Aragones, Drake, Draut, Thorne, Pellowski, Skeates, Manak, Michelinie, Robbins, Wood, and, uh . . . oh yeah, Pain, Evil and Stable:

PLOP #19 had to be your worst issue, which is good because your good issues are bad yet.

"Moment Of Decision" was the worst (best) story in the issue, but why didn't you have Henry have a hard time deciding to live or die?

Mike White, Mackinaw, Illinois

No such trouble with deciding whether to print your letter—you left out Levitz's name, so you lose!

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Dear Plopped,

The first time I ever read your magazine of weird humor (if you really want to call it that), I was sick in bed. My mother bought it for me hoping to put me six feet under. And it did! But before I go, I'd like to give you some suggestions on how to improve your piece of garbage:

a) Give that highly respectable artist Sergio Aragones more pages of his own. Although I frankly do not know why a **MAD** artist would waste his time with **PLOP**.

b) Make the covers a little more gruesome, like in issues #13 and 17. What do the readers have to lose besides their sanity?

c) Last but not least, stop printing this trash!

Anonymous, Glutton, Vermont

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Moratorium on the letters for a minute, readers. We just looked back at this column and noticed that out of ten letters, four are unsigned or absurdly signed. That's ridiculous. In fact, as of this writing we're gonna stop printing unsigned letters in PLOP DROP. After all, we don't wanna get blamed for them!

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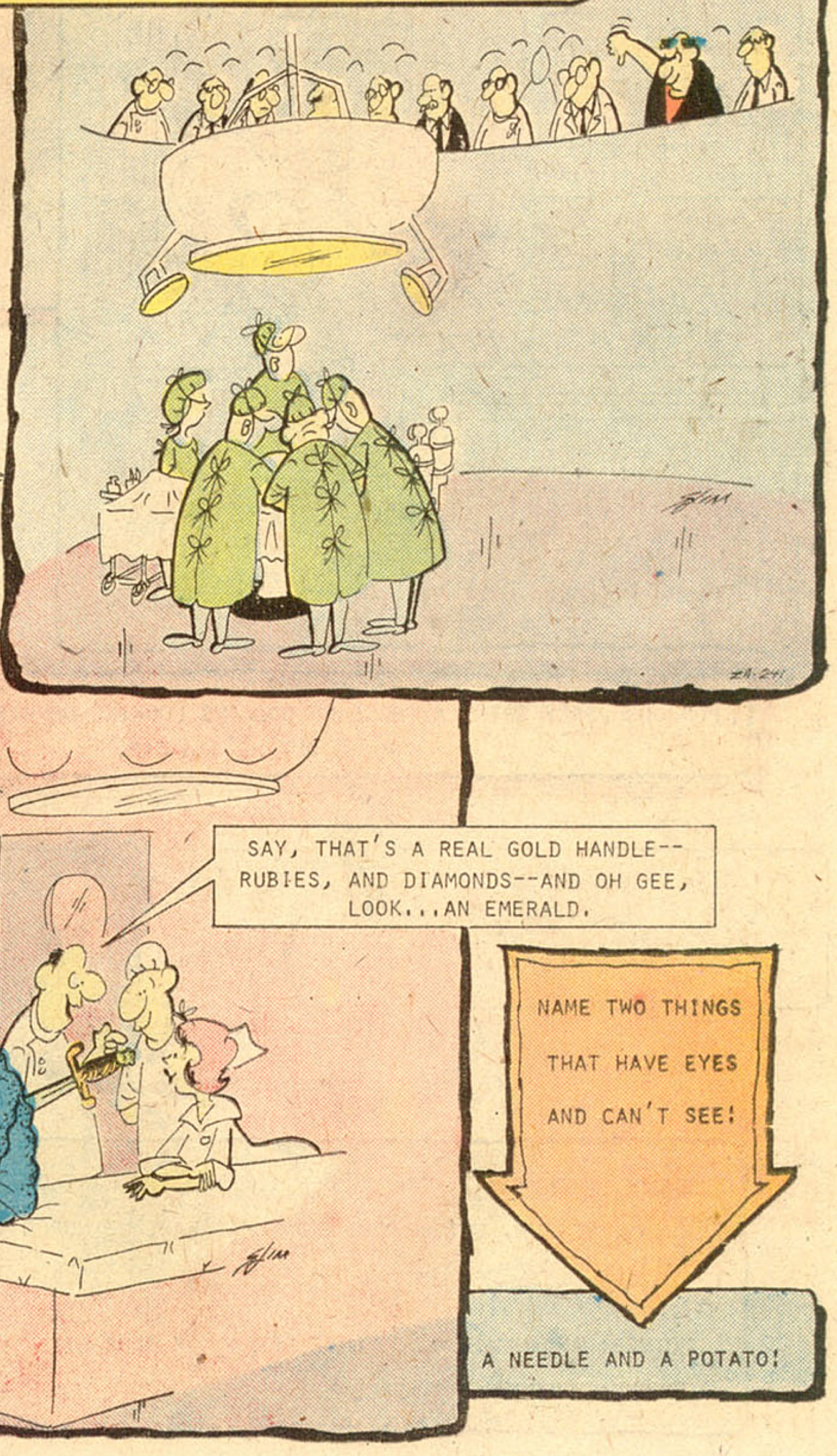
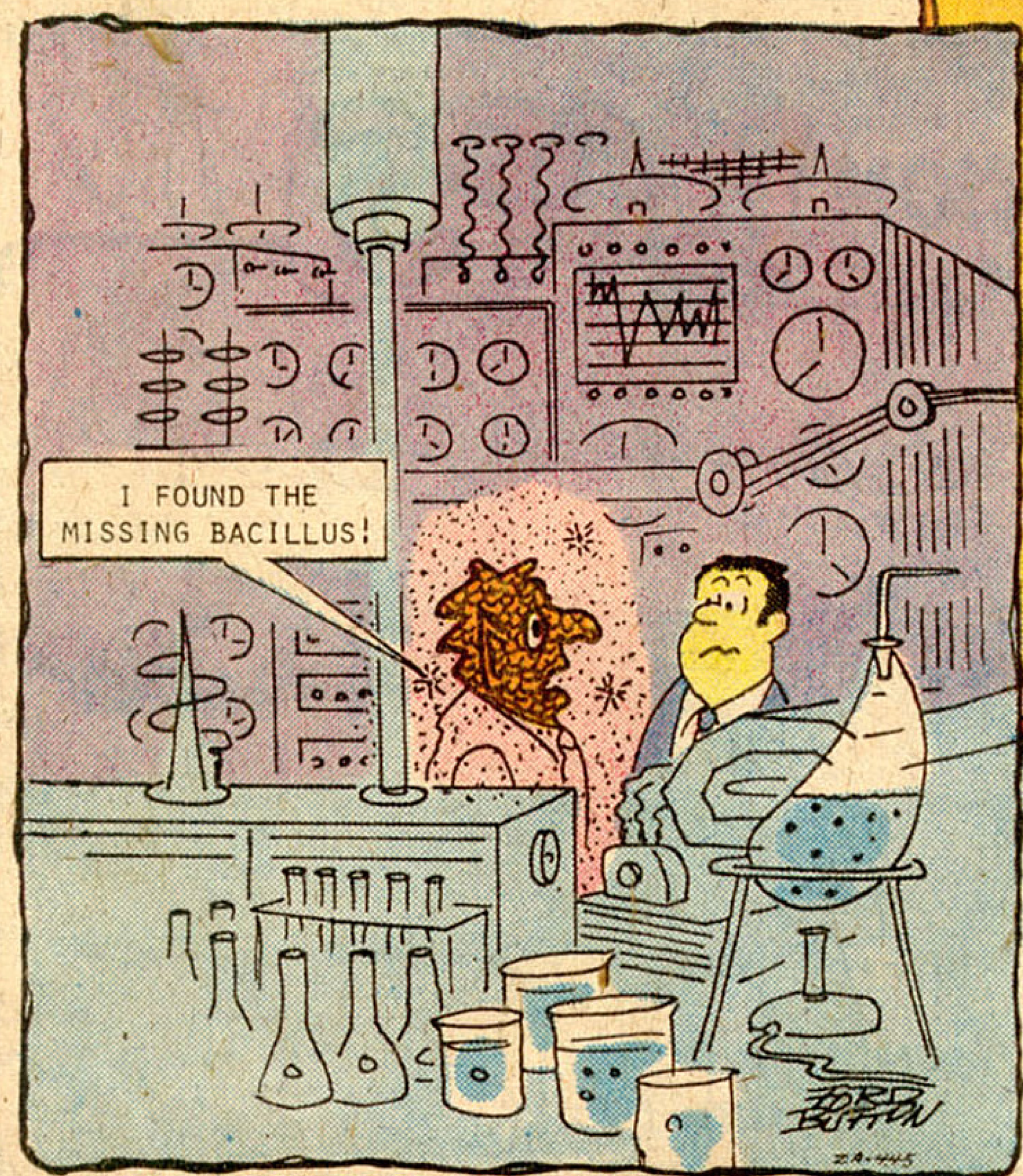


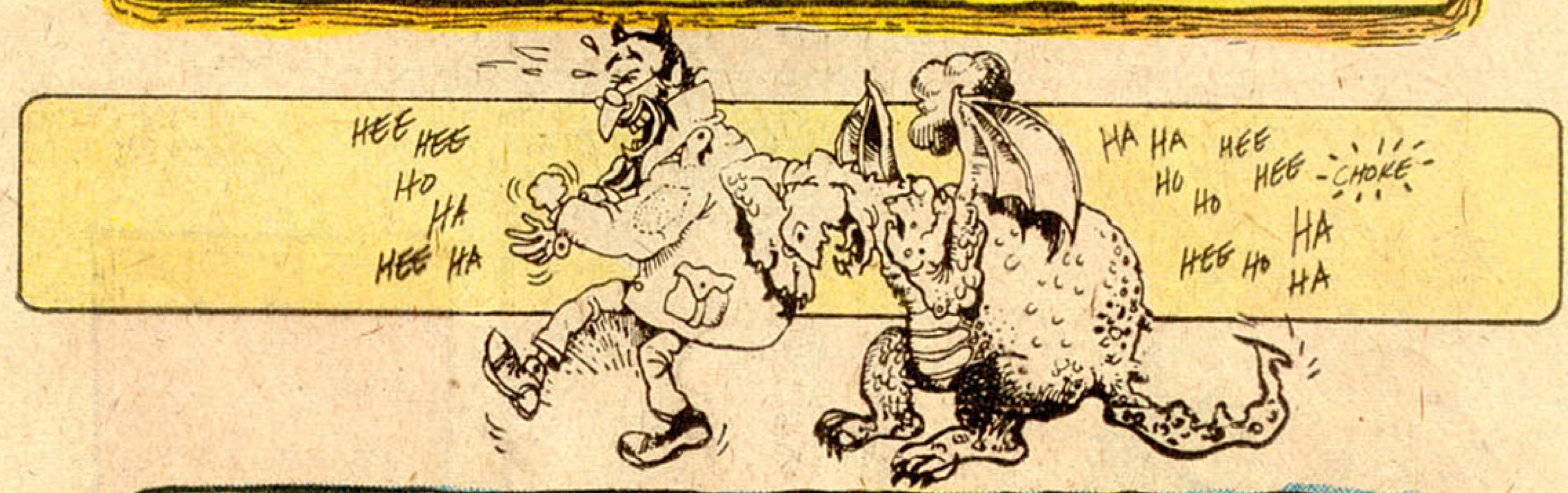


"IS THE OWNER IN?" ASKED THE CARPENTER OVER THE TELEPHONE TO THE LUMBER YARD.

"I WANT TO ORDER SOME DOORS."

"HE'S SOMEWHERE AROUND," REPLIED THE SMART ALEC CLERK, "BUT I THINK HE'S OUT OF DOORS."

POMPOUS PERCY SPENT A THOUSAND DOLLARS LOOKING UP HIS FAMILY TREE AND FOUND OUT HE'S A SAP.



COWBOY: WHEN I'M IN THE SADDLE, INJUN, I'M PART OF THIS HEAH HOSS!

INDIAN: YESSUM, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT PART OF HORSE YOU ARE?

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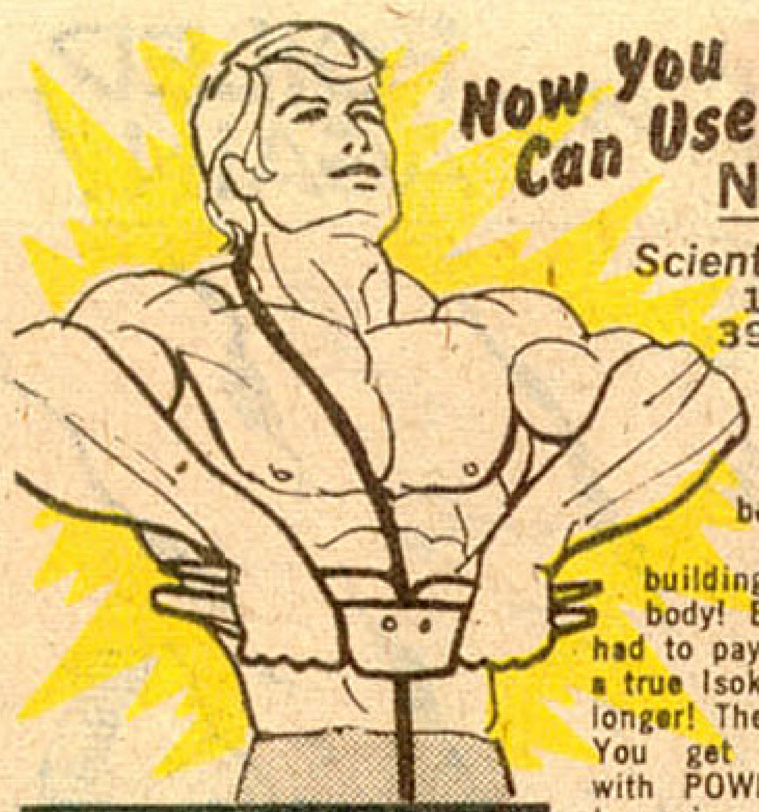
MOTHER: AND HOW DID YOU LIKE SCHOOL ON YOUR FIRST DAY, JOHNNY?

JOHNNY: WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER!



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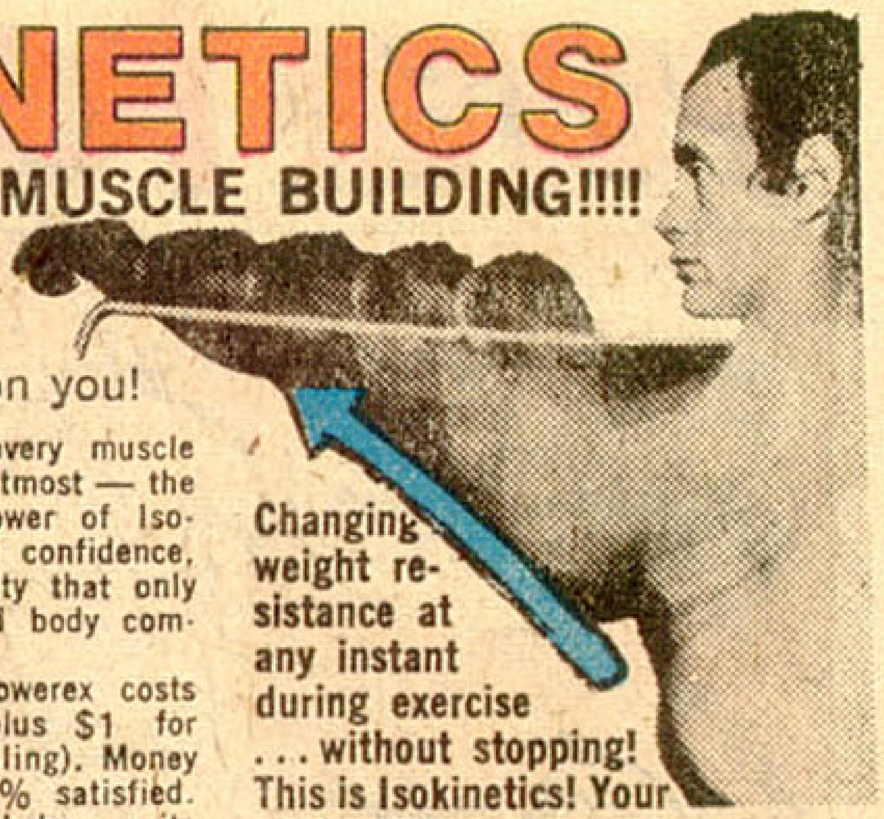

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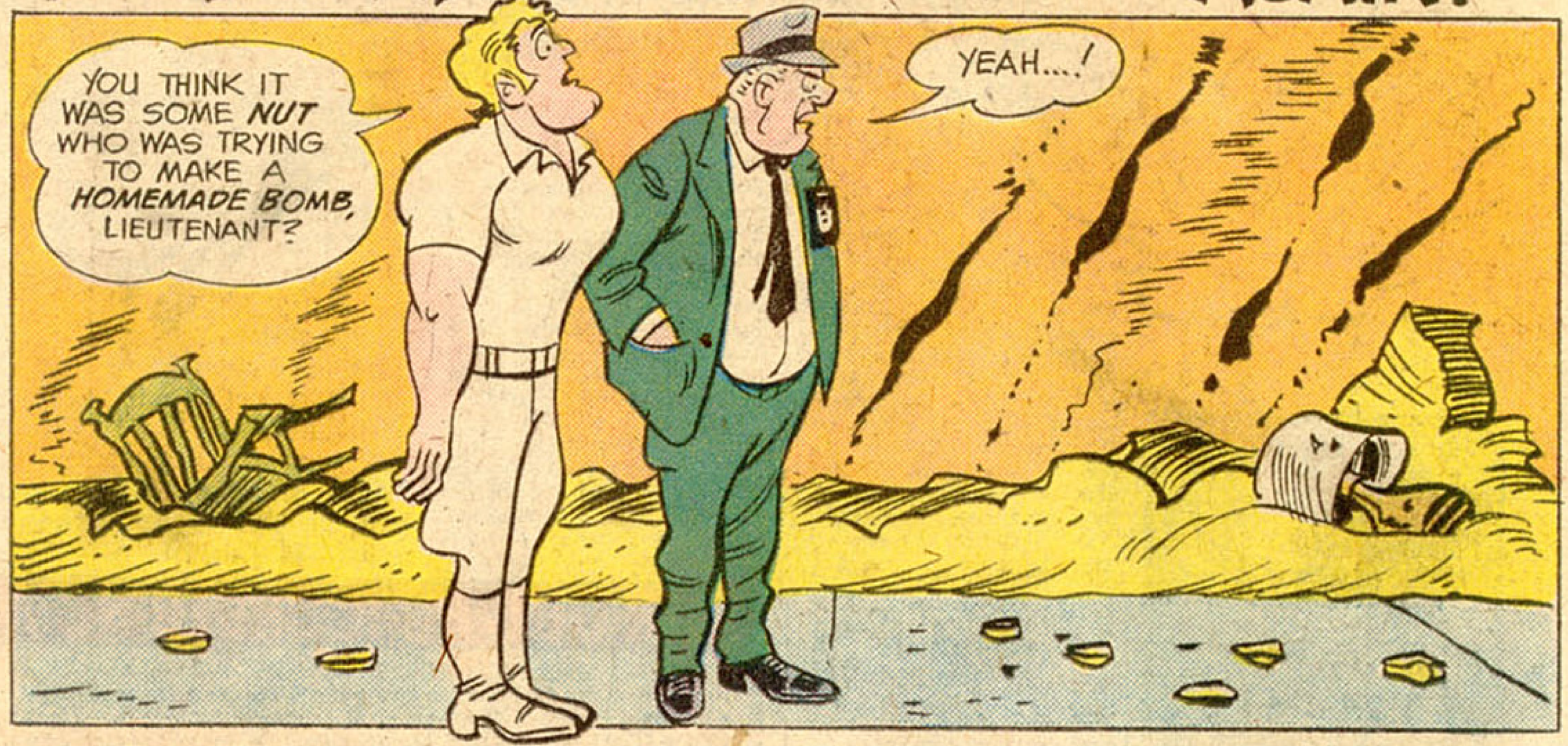

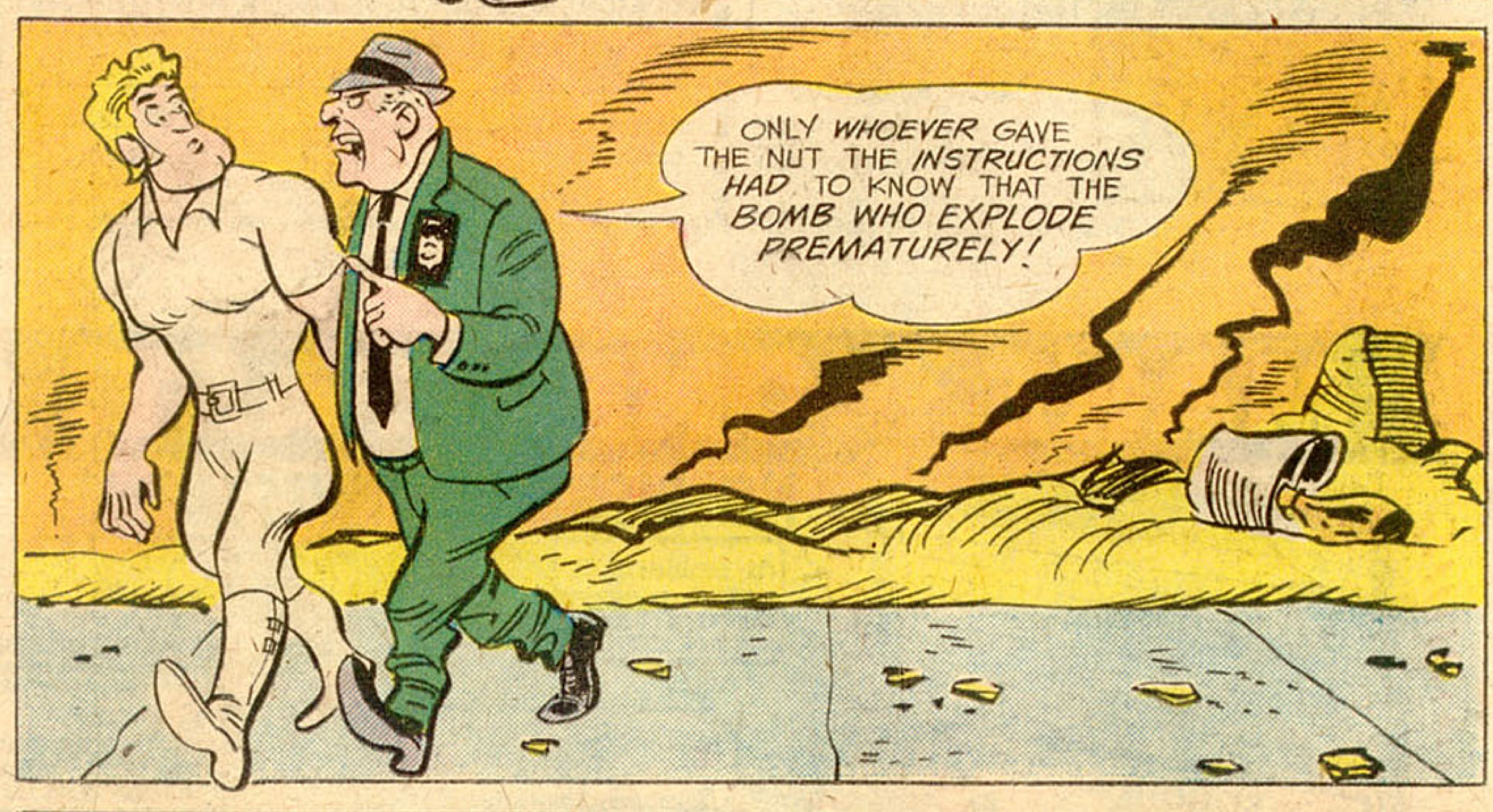

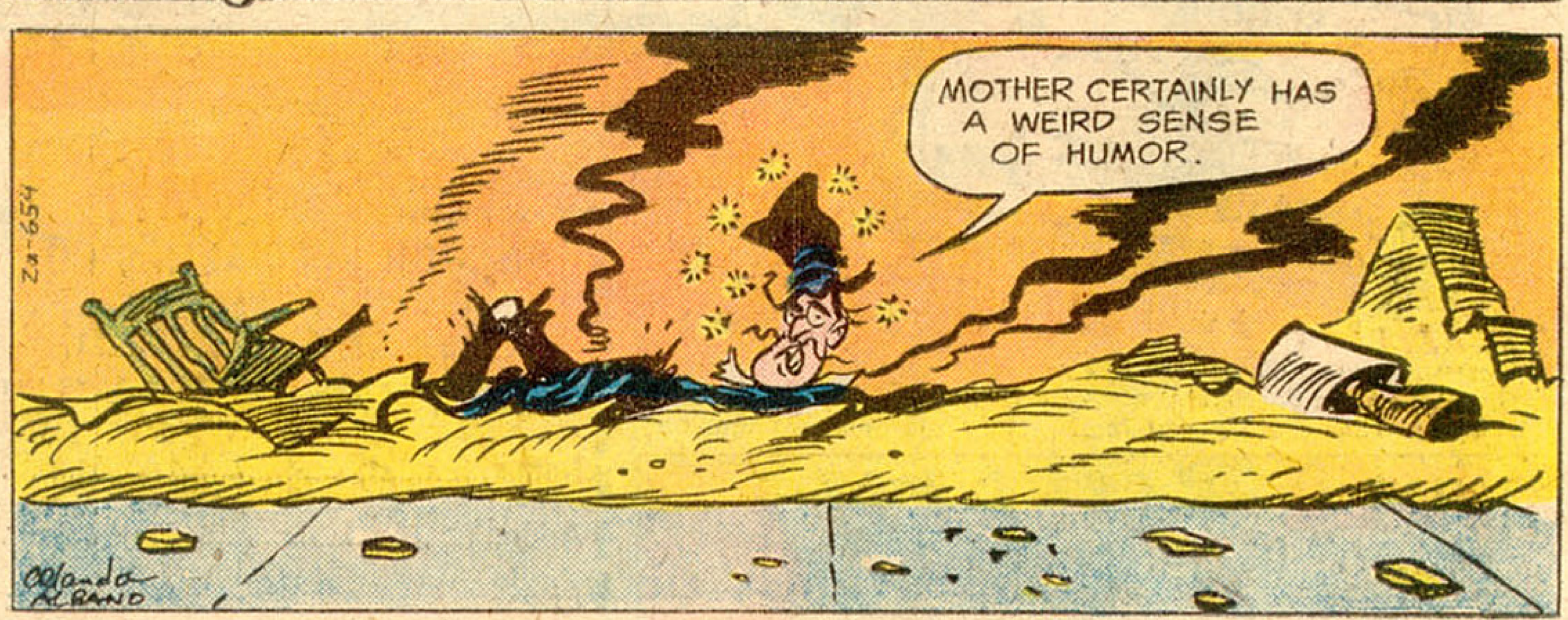

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GOOD! TAKE THAT SLEDGE-HAMMER AND WHAM PETER PUREHEART ON THE SKULL WITH IT!

WHAM

YOU FORGOT TO SAY PLEASE.

JOHN PREZBORN'S LIFE WAS NOT A HAPPY LIFE... AND SHORTLY, AS HE CONTINUED HIS EXPERIMENTS HERE IN HIS PRIVATE BASEMENT CHEMISTRY LAB, HE MUSED ABOUT THIS...

WE NEVER TALK ANYMORE! ALL SHE DOES IS CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN!

I'D LEAVE HER... IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE FACT THAT ALL OUR MONEY IS IN HER NAME!

THAT'S WHAT I NEED! SOME MONEY -- SO I CAN GET OUT OF THIS SICK SITUATION!

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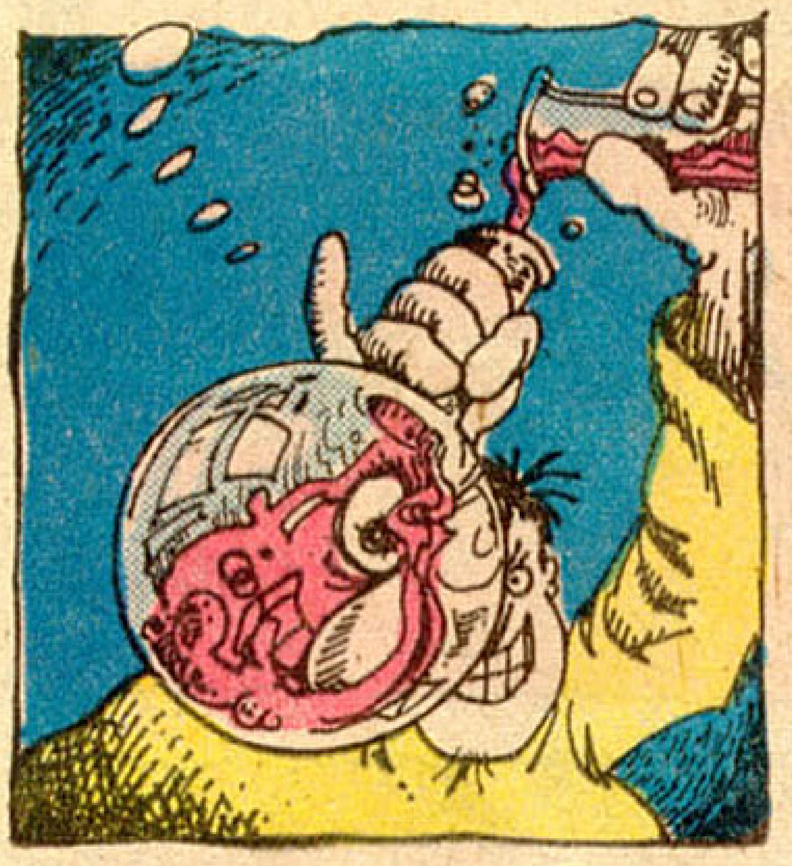
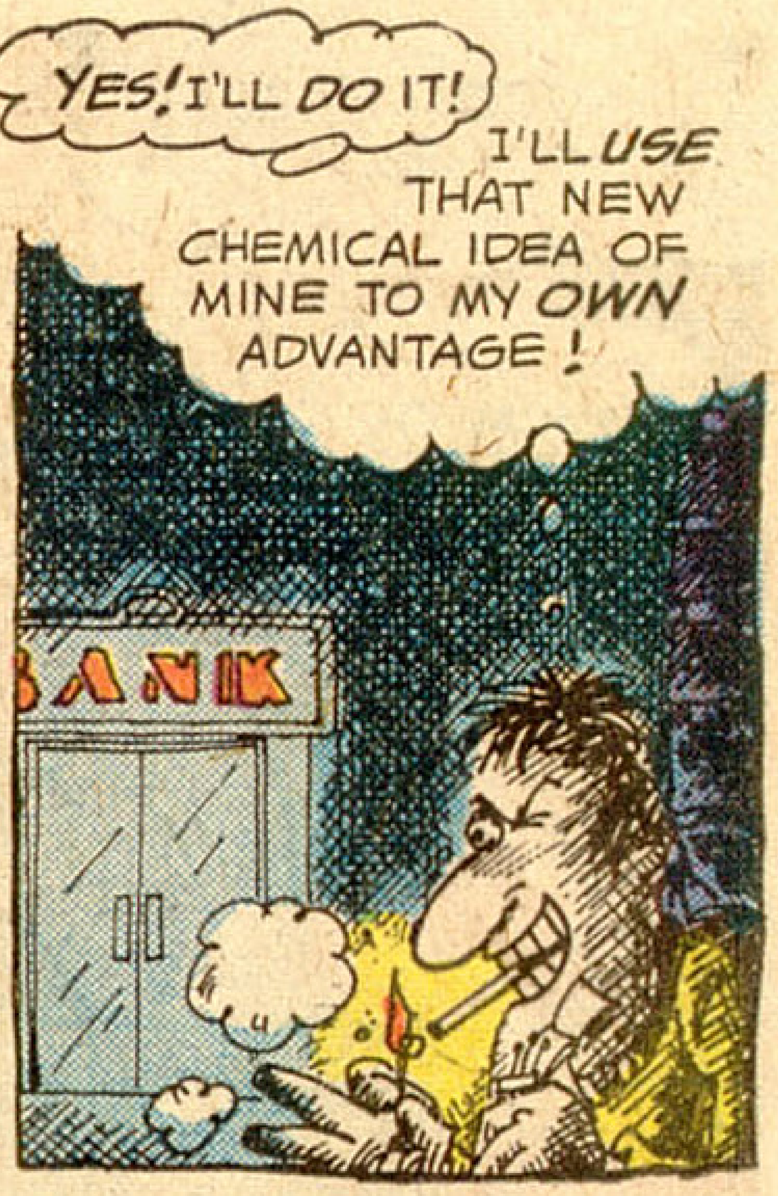
THE DIRTY THIEF

by STEVE SKEATES AND SERGIO ARAGONES

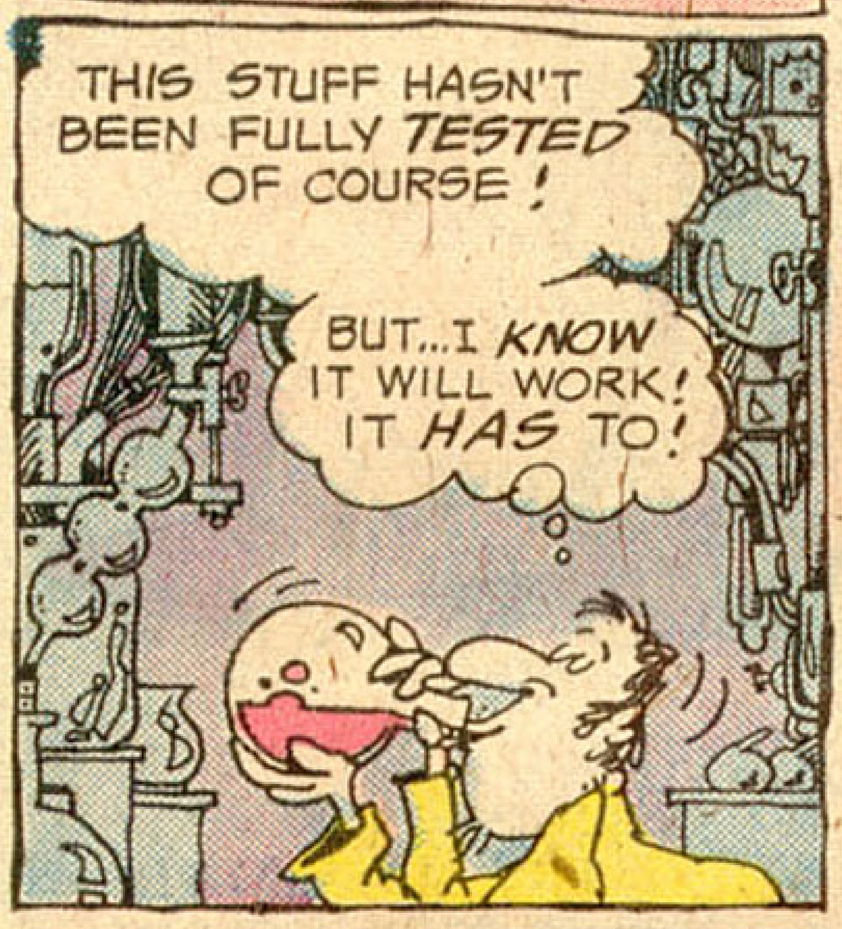
AND I THINK I CAN USE MY CHEMICAL EXPERIMENTS TO *MAKE* SOME MONEY!

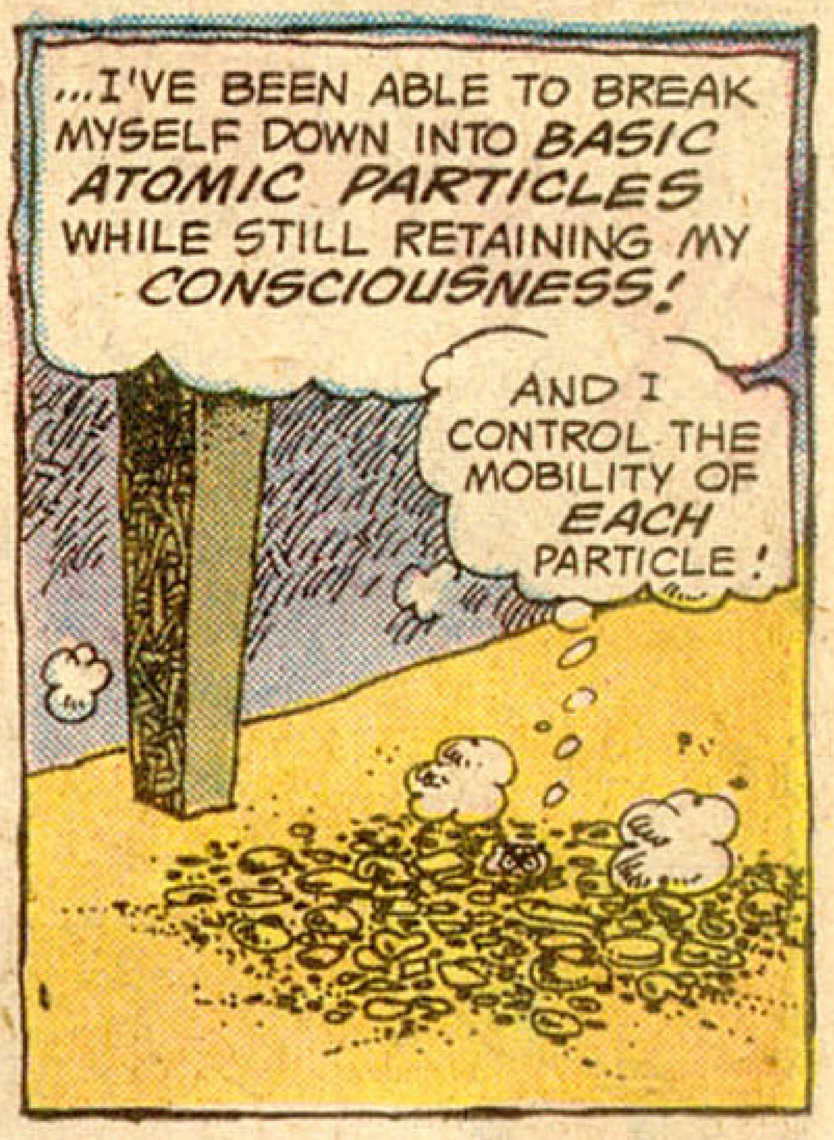


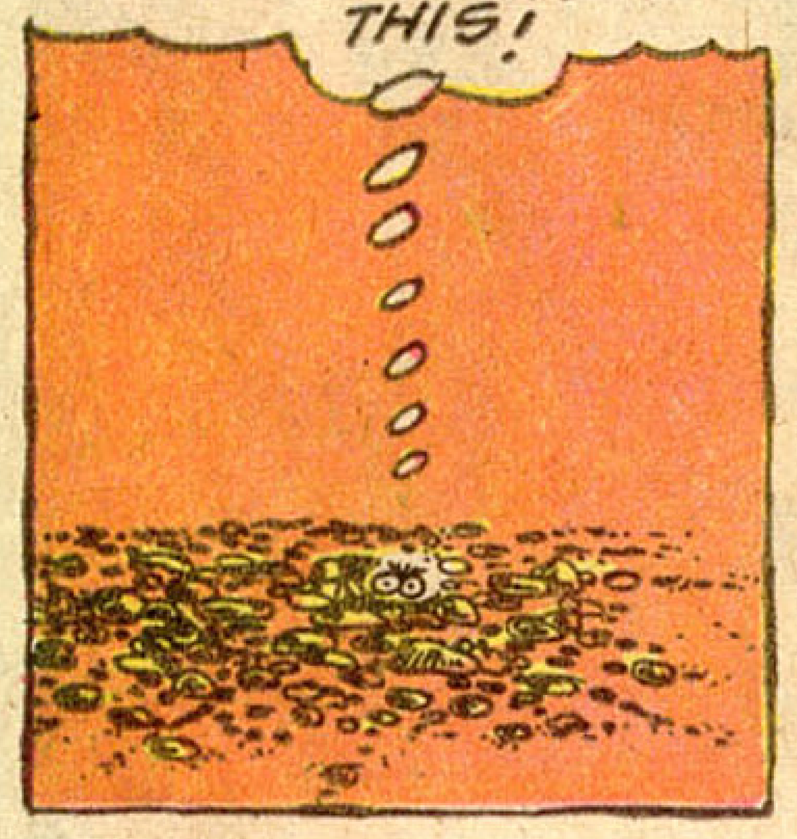
THAT NIGHT, JOHN TOOK A SHORT WALK... AND STARED FOR A WHILE AT THE LOCAL BANK, AS HE CONTINUED TO PLAN...

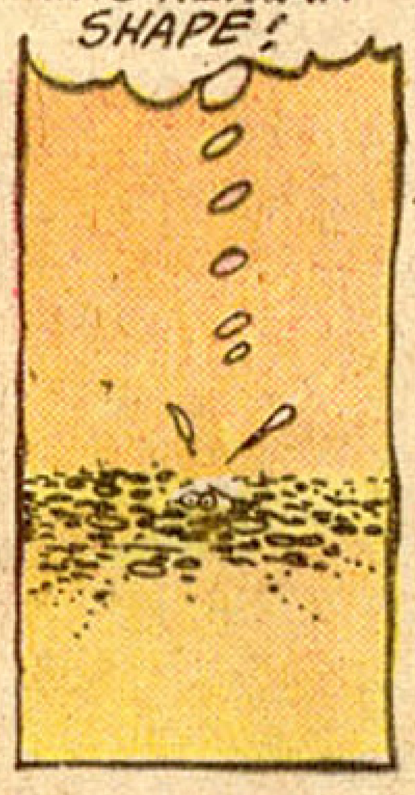


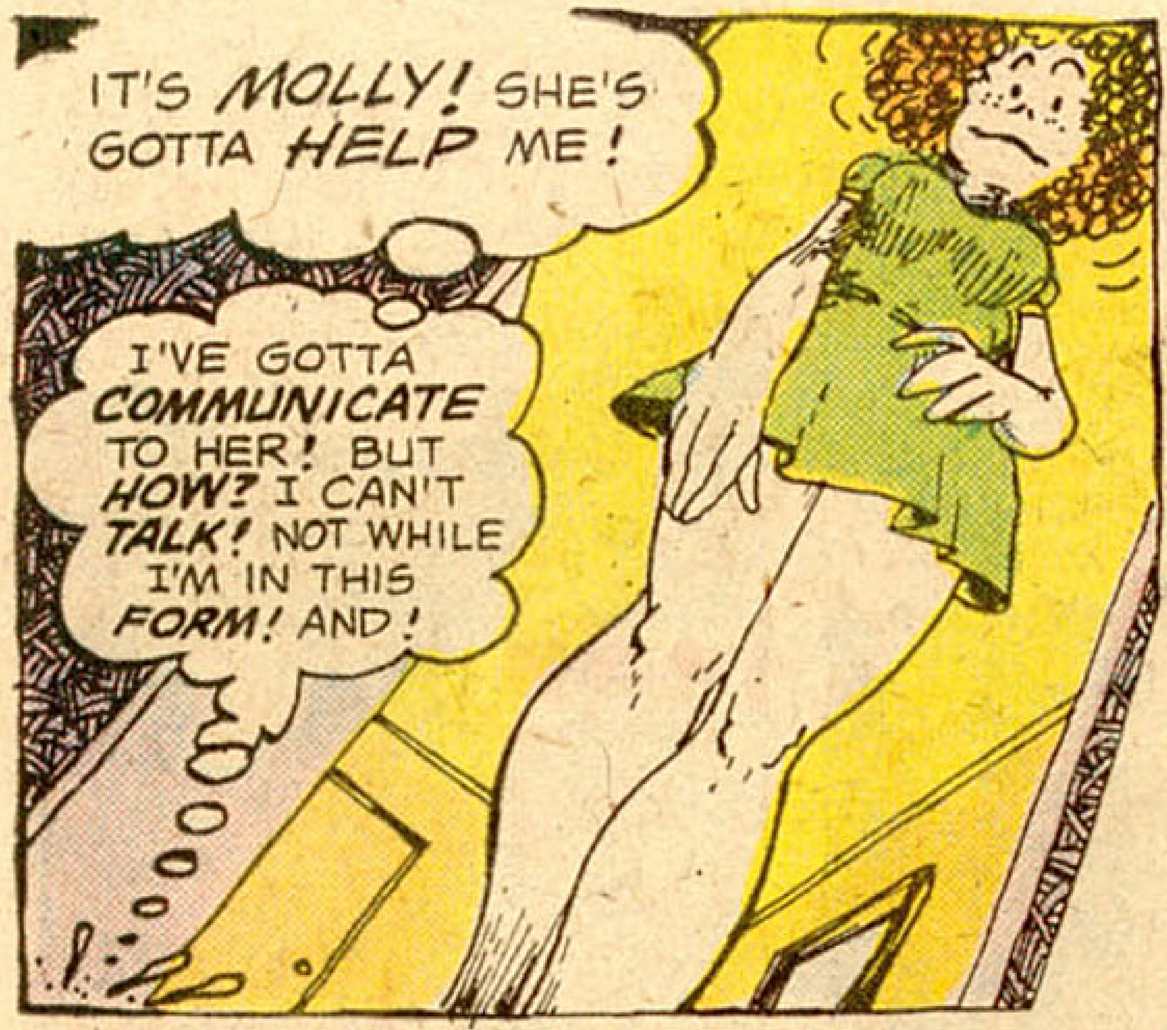
RUSHING BACK TO HIS PRIVATE LAB...

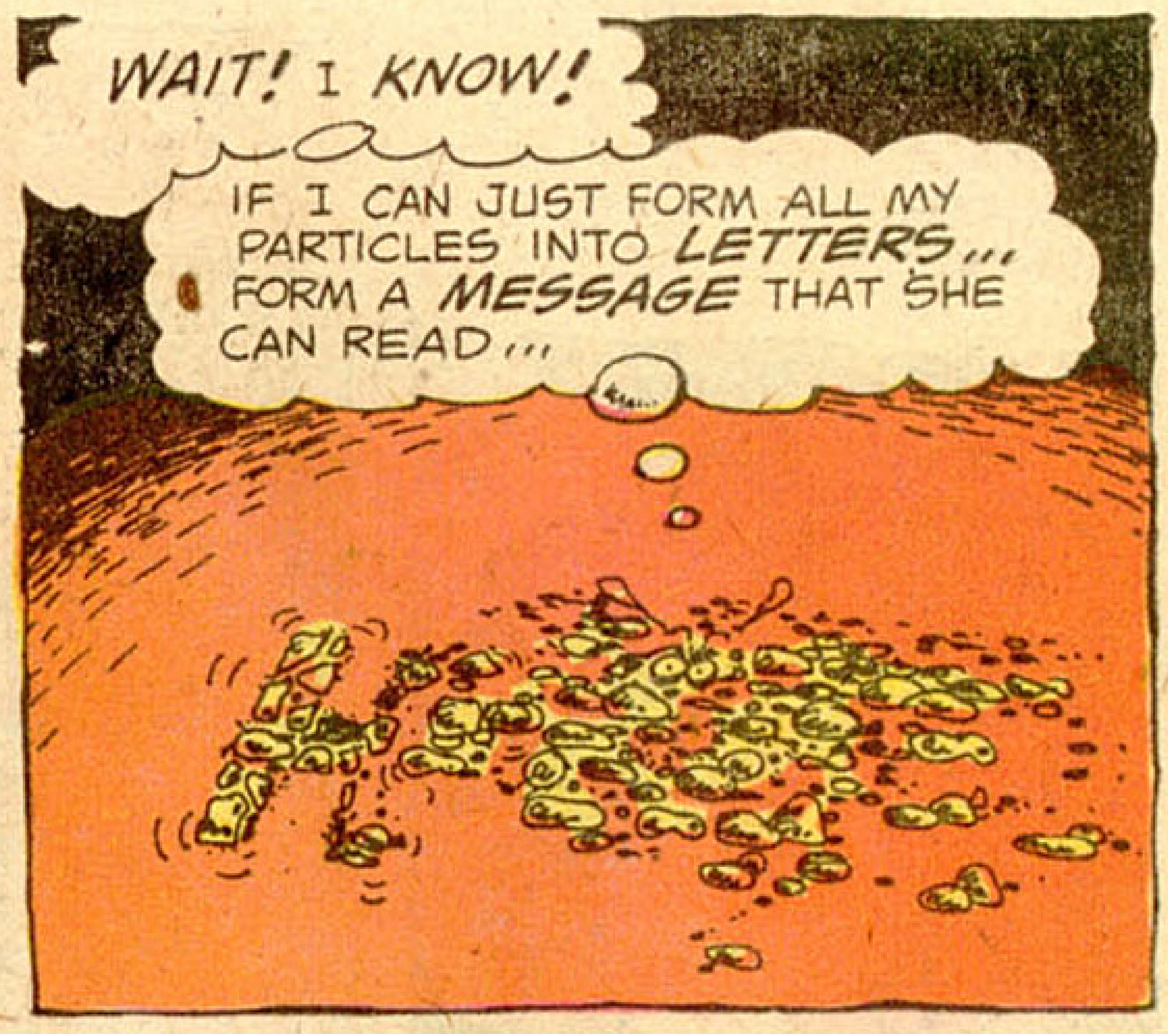


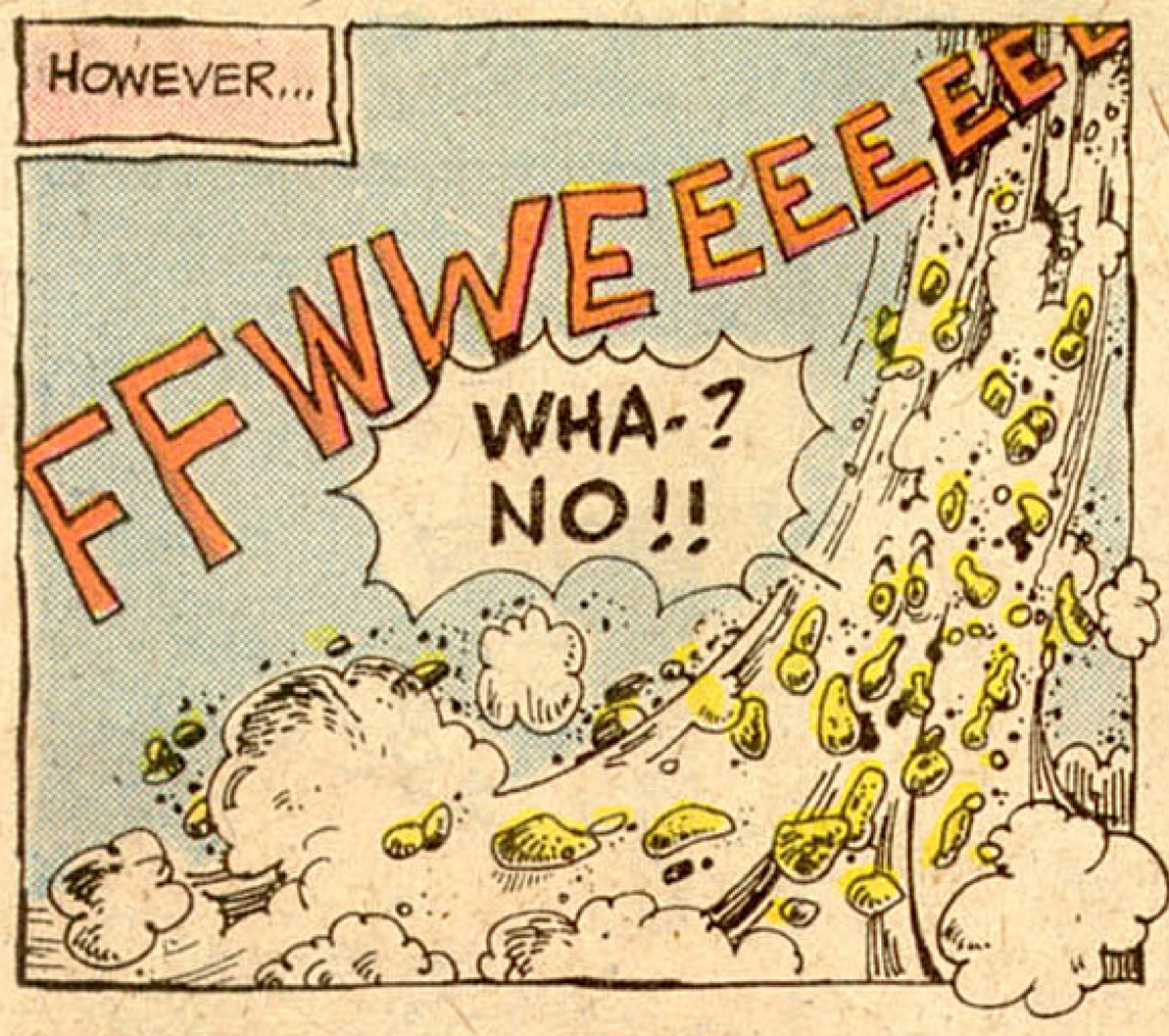


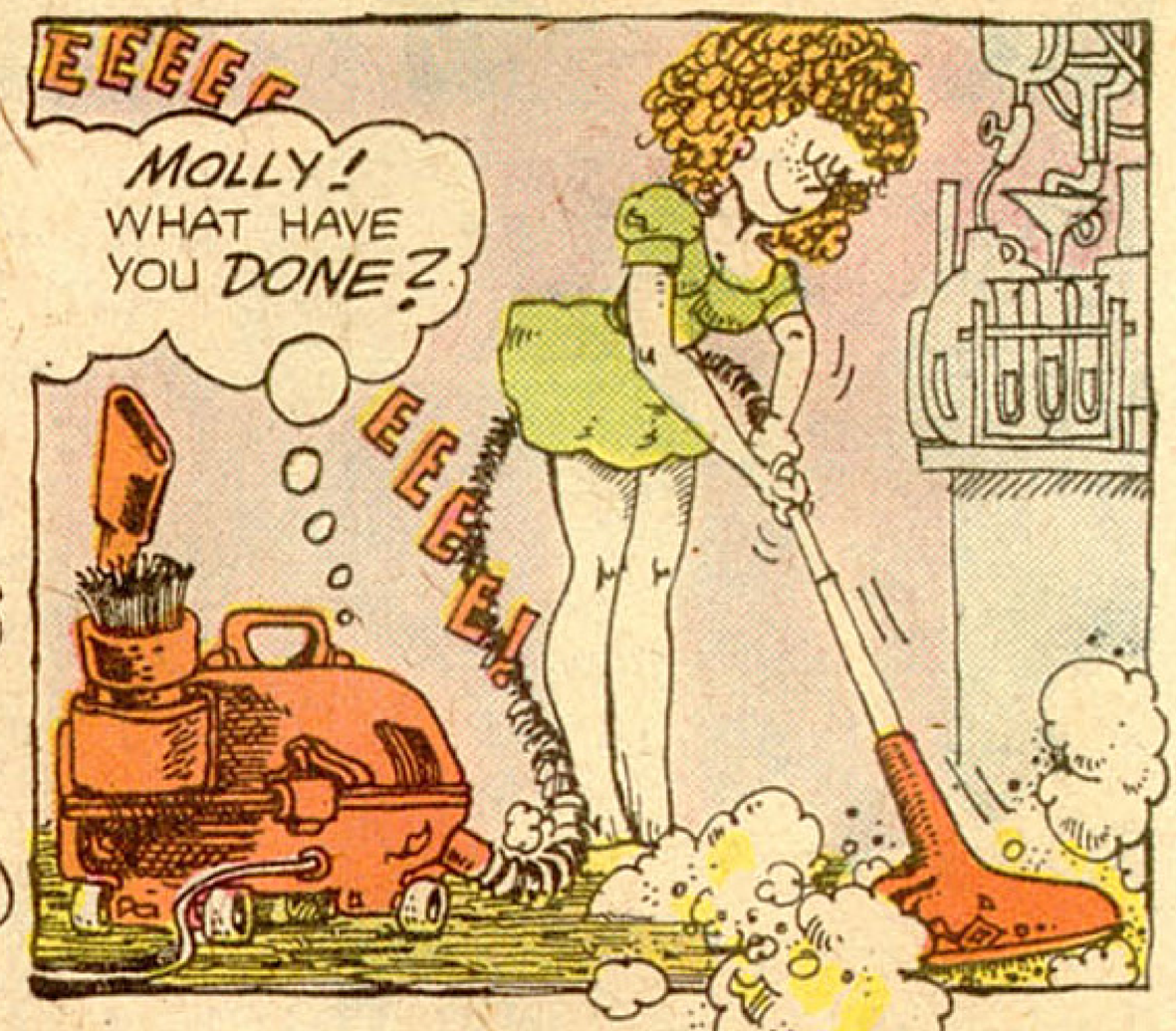


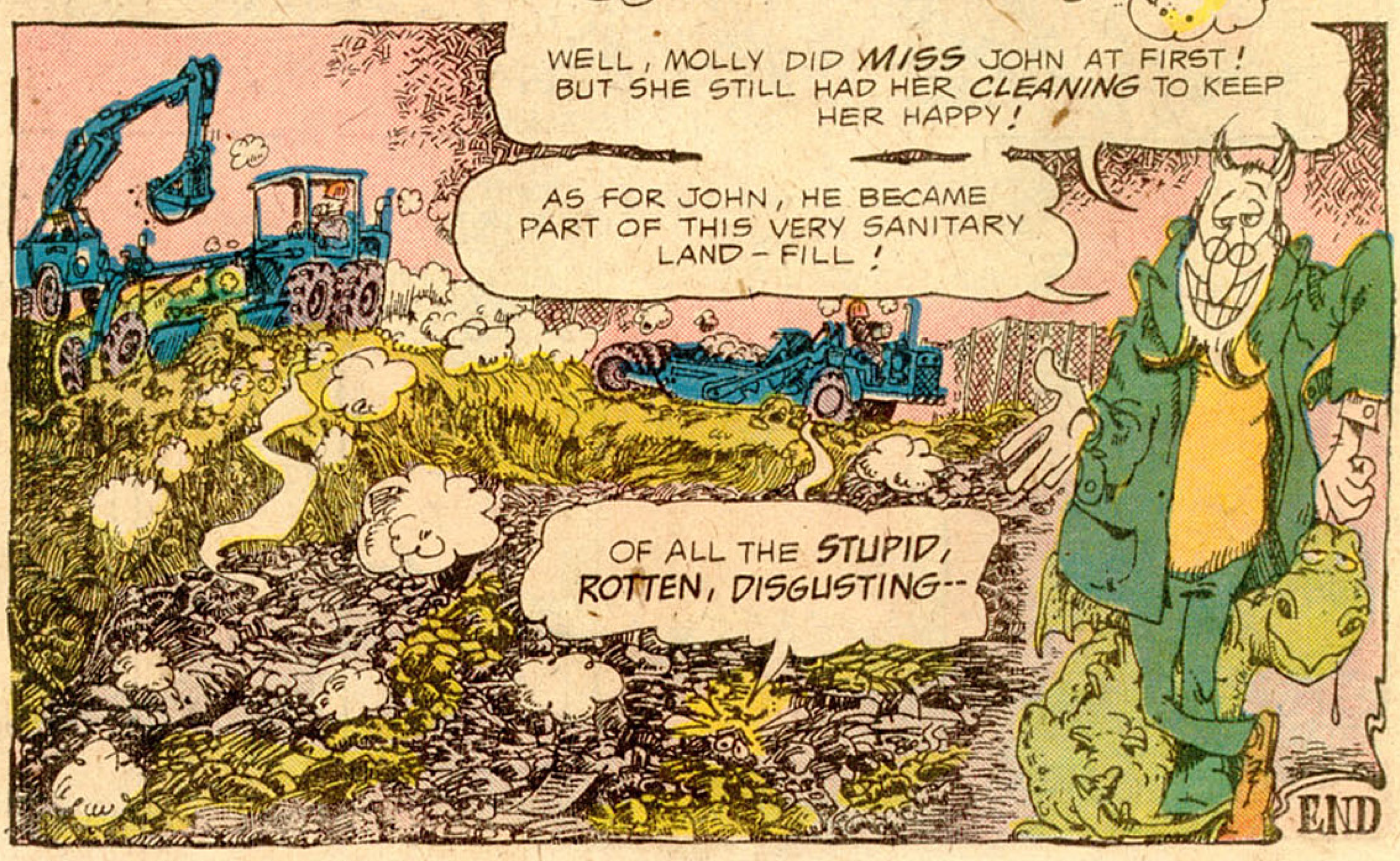



IT'S MOLLY! SHE'S GOTTA HELP ME!
I'VE GOTTA COMMUNICATE TO HER! BUT HOW? I CAN'T TALK! NOT WHILE I'M IN THIS FORM! AND!

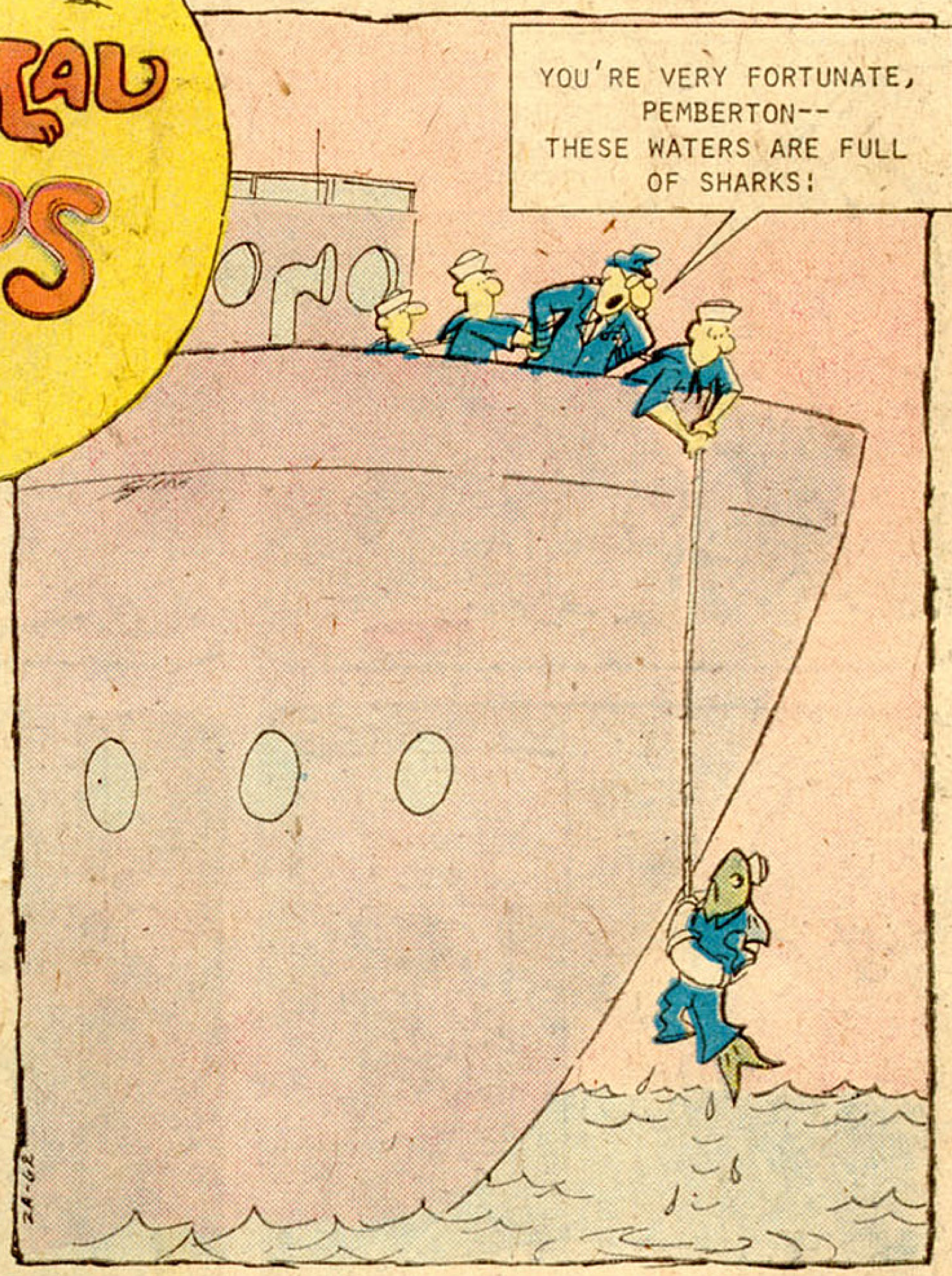

WAIT! I KNOW!
IF I CAN JUST FORM ALL MY PARTICLES INTO LETTERS... FORM A MESSAGE THAT SHE CAN READ...

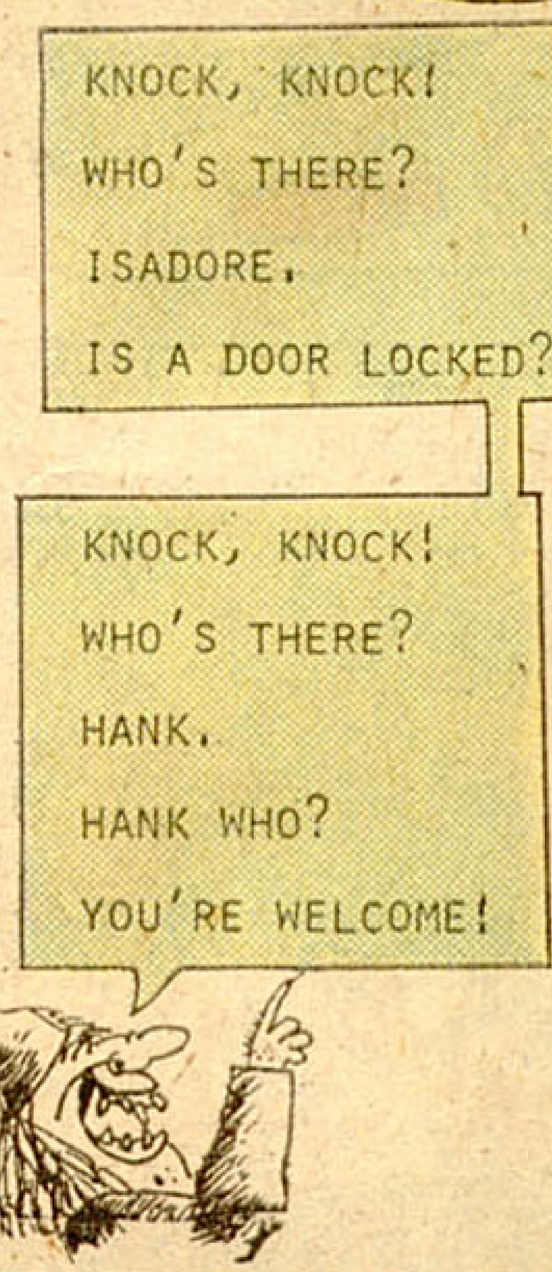

HOWEVER...
FFWWEEEEEEE
WHA-? NO!!

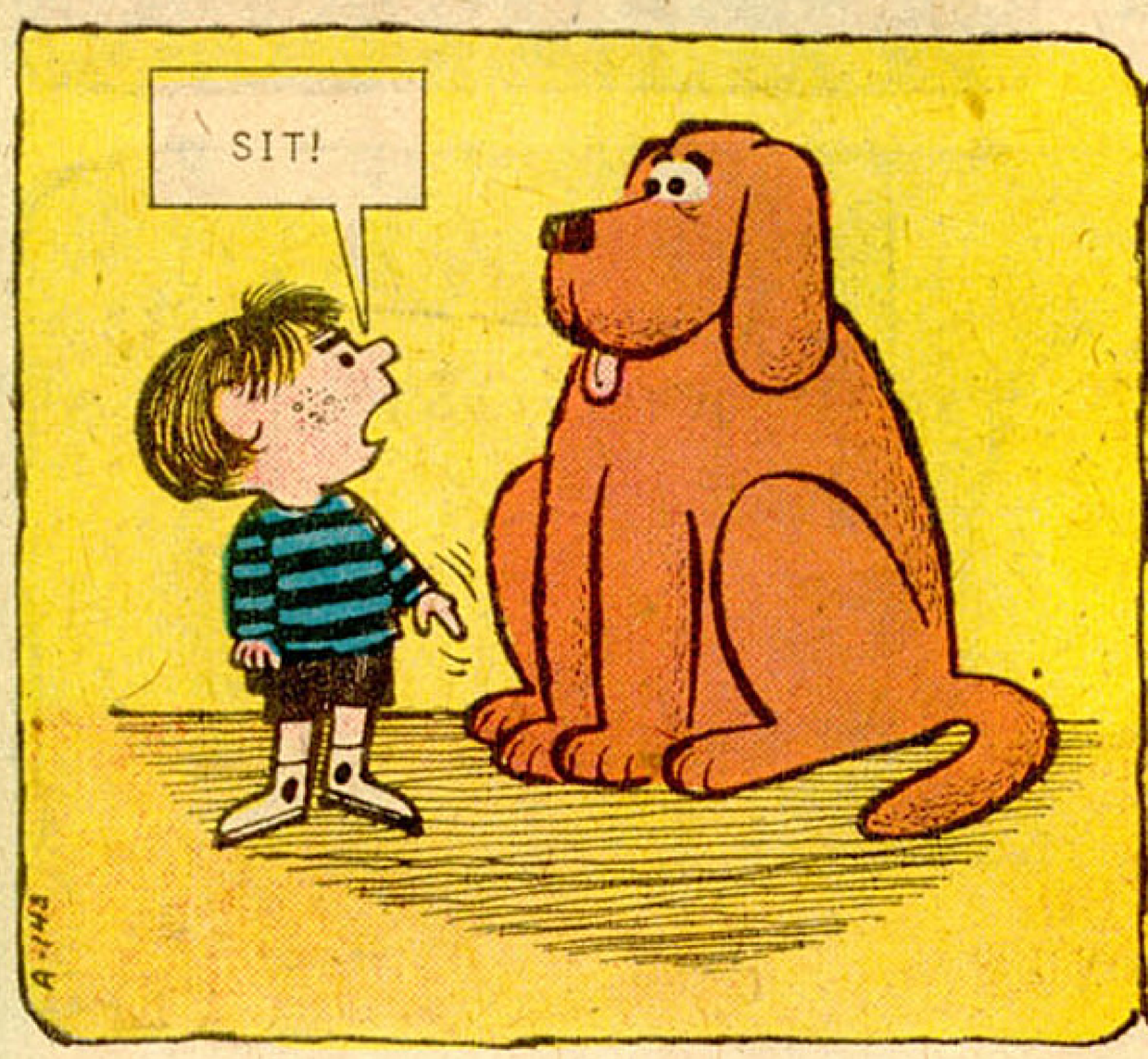

EEEEE
MOLLY! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
EEEE

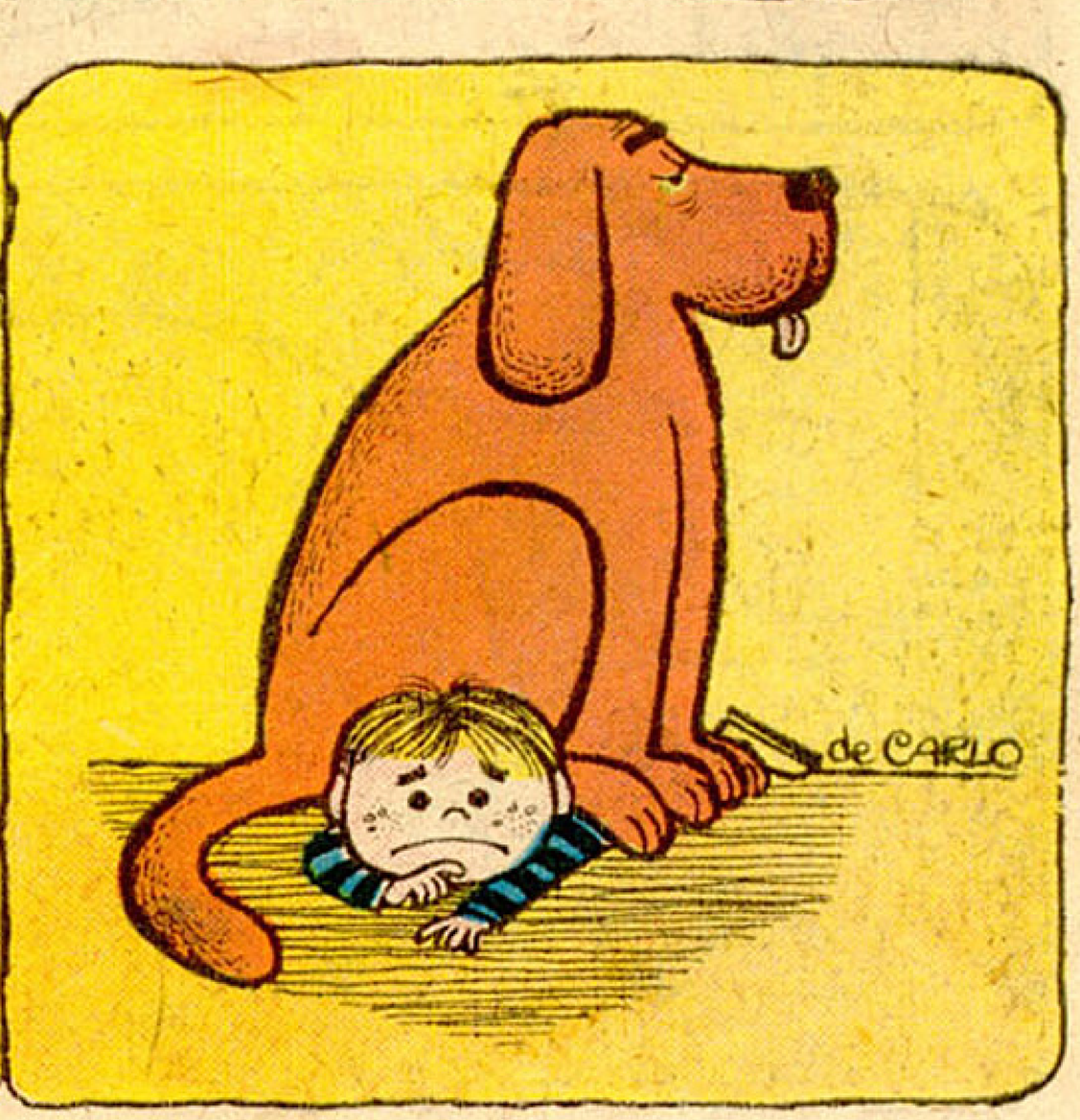

WELL, MOLLY DID MISS JOHN AT FIRST! BUT SHE STILL HAD HER CLEANING TO KEEP HER HAPPY!
AS FOR JOHN, HE BECAME PART OF THIS VERY SANITARY LAND-FILL!
OF ALL THE STUPID, ROTTEN, DISGUSTING--
END

ANIMAL PLOPS









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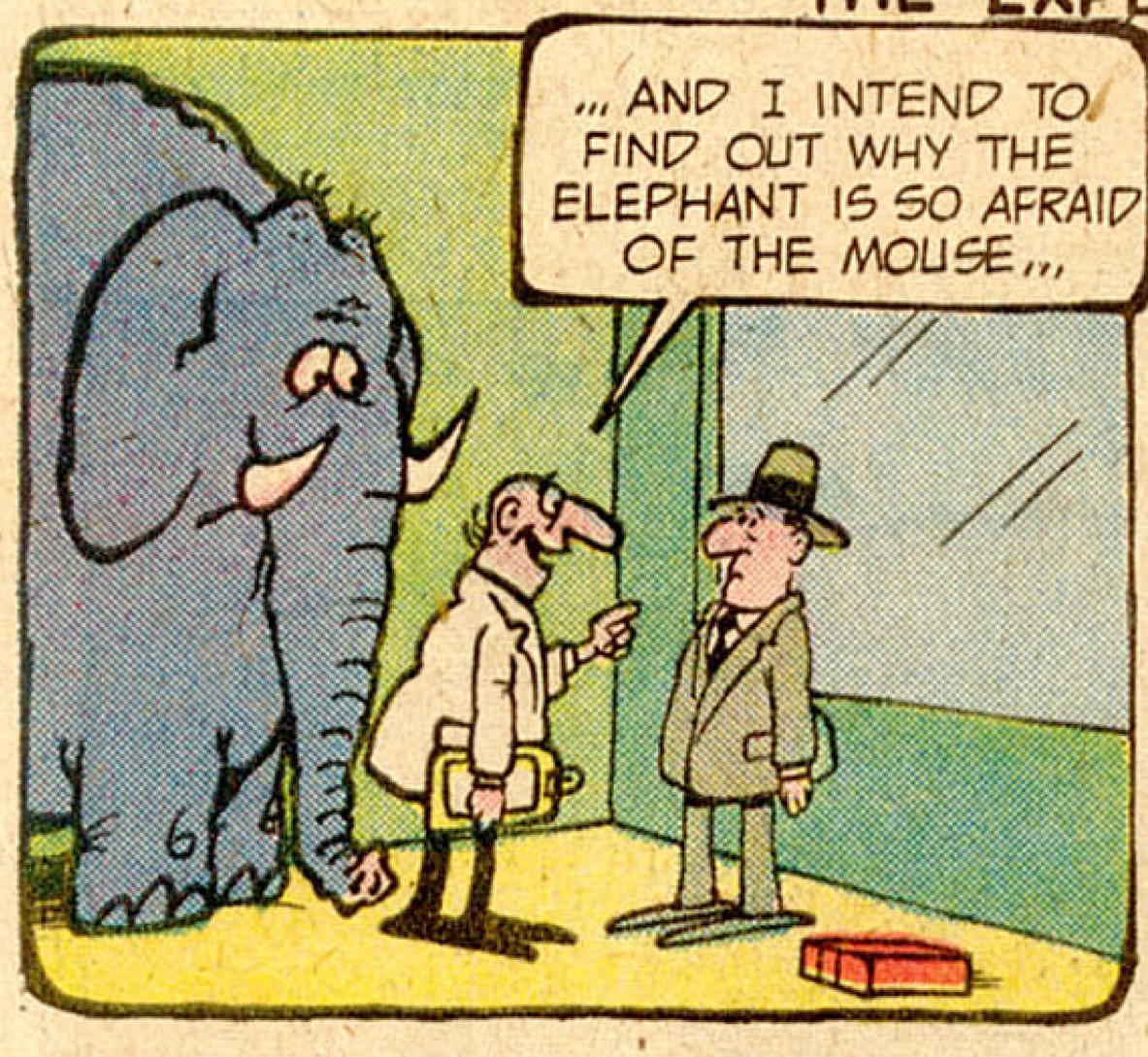

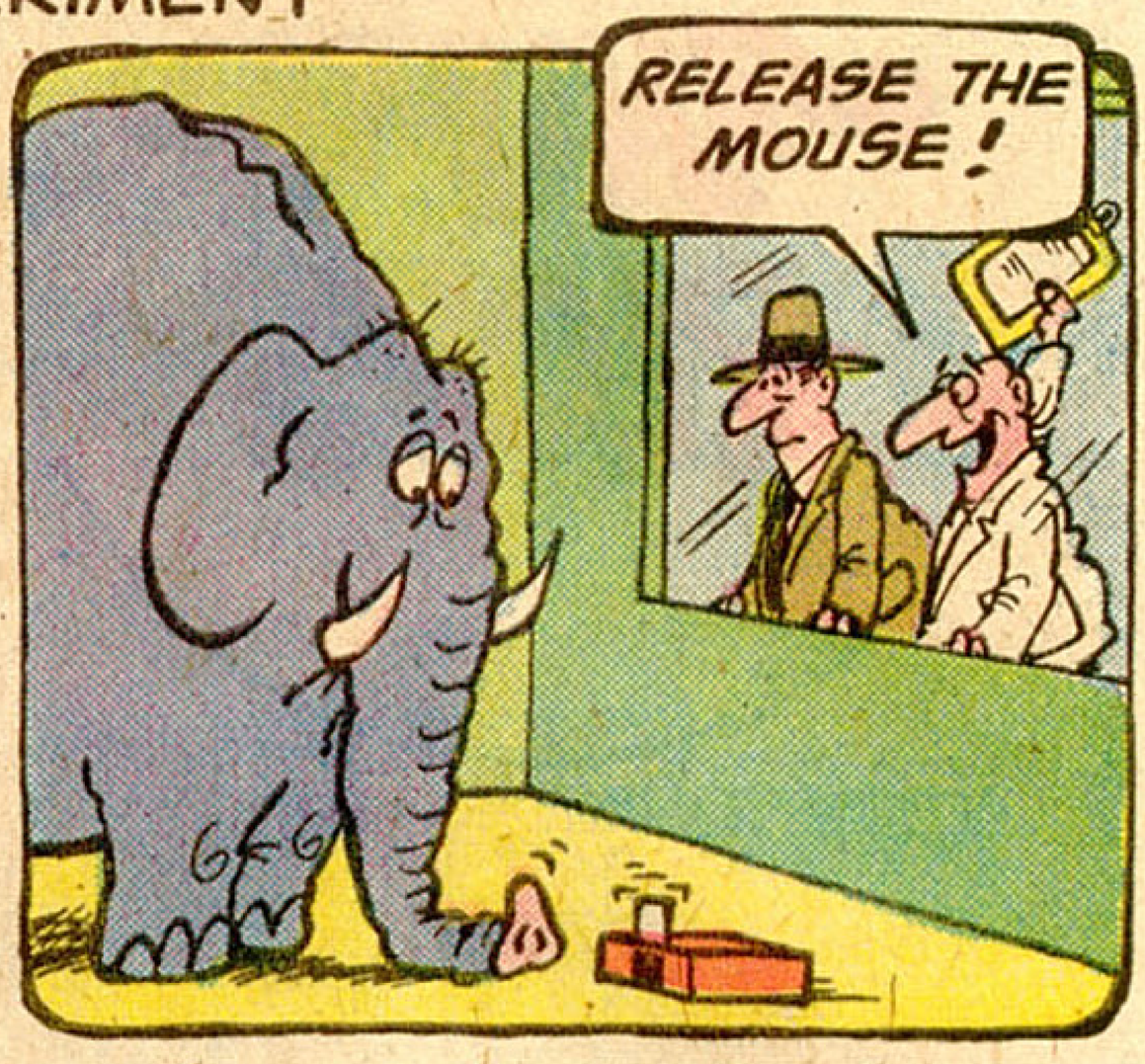

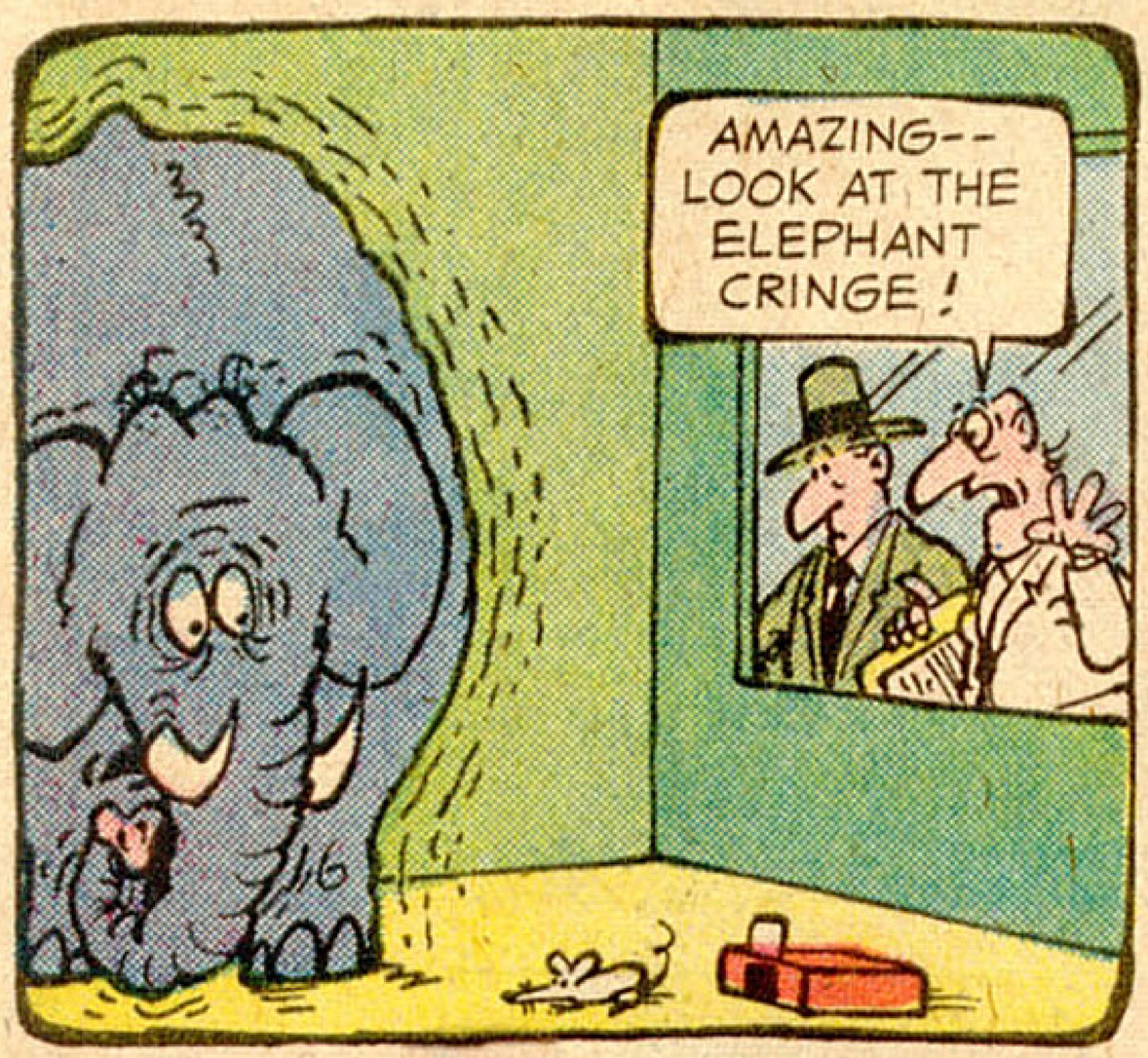

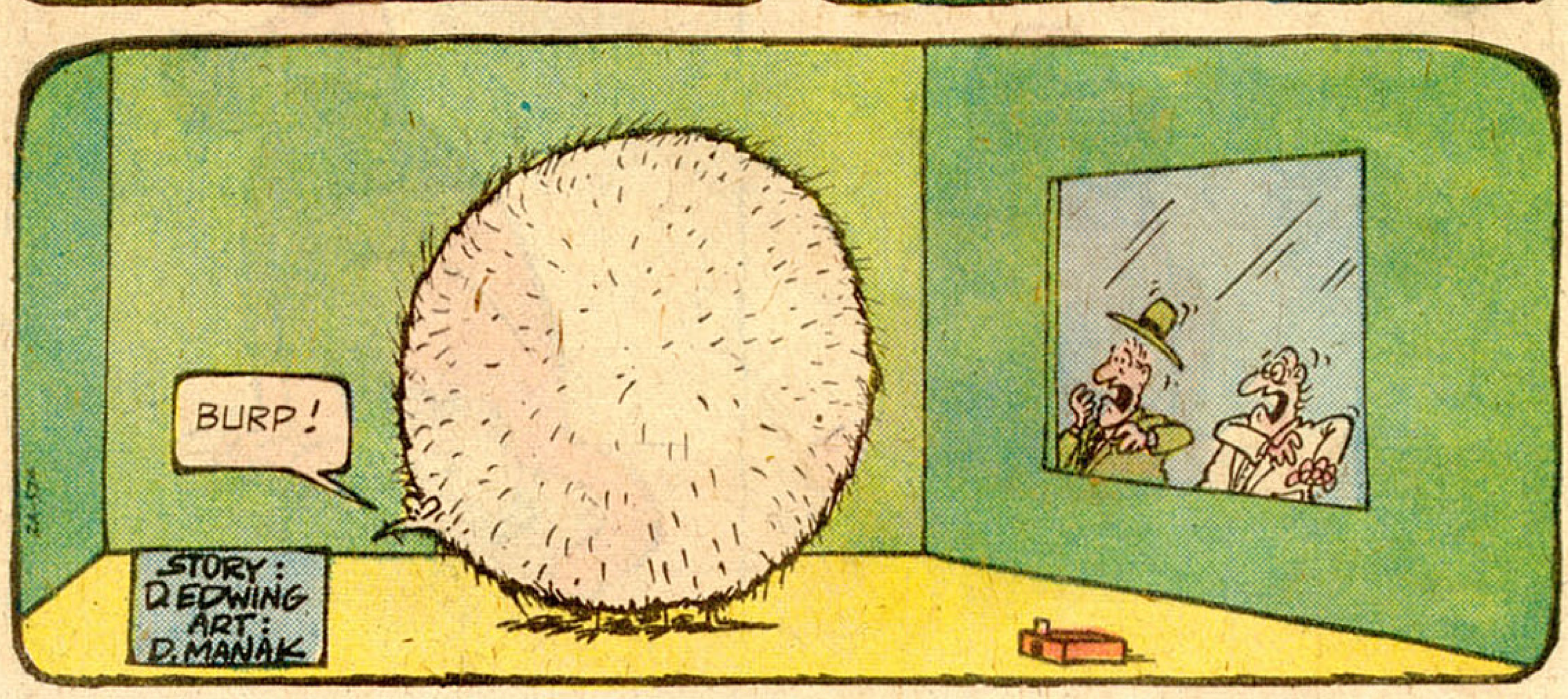

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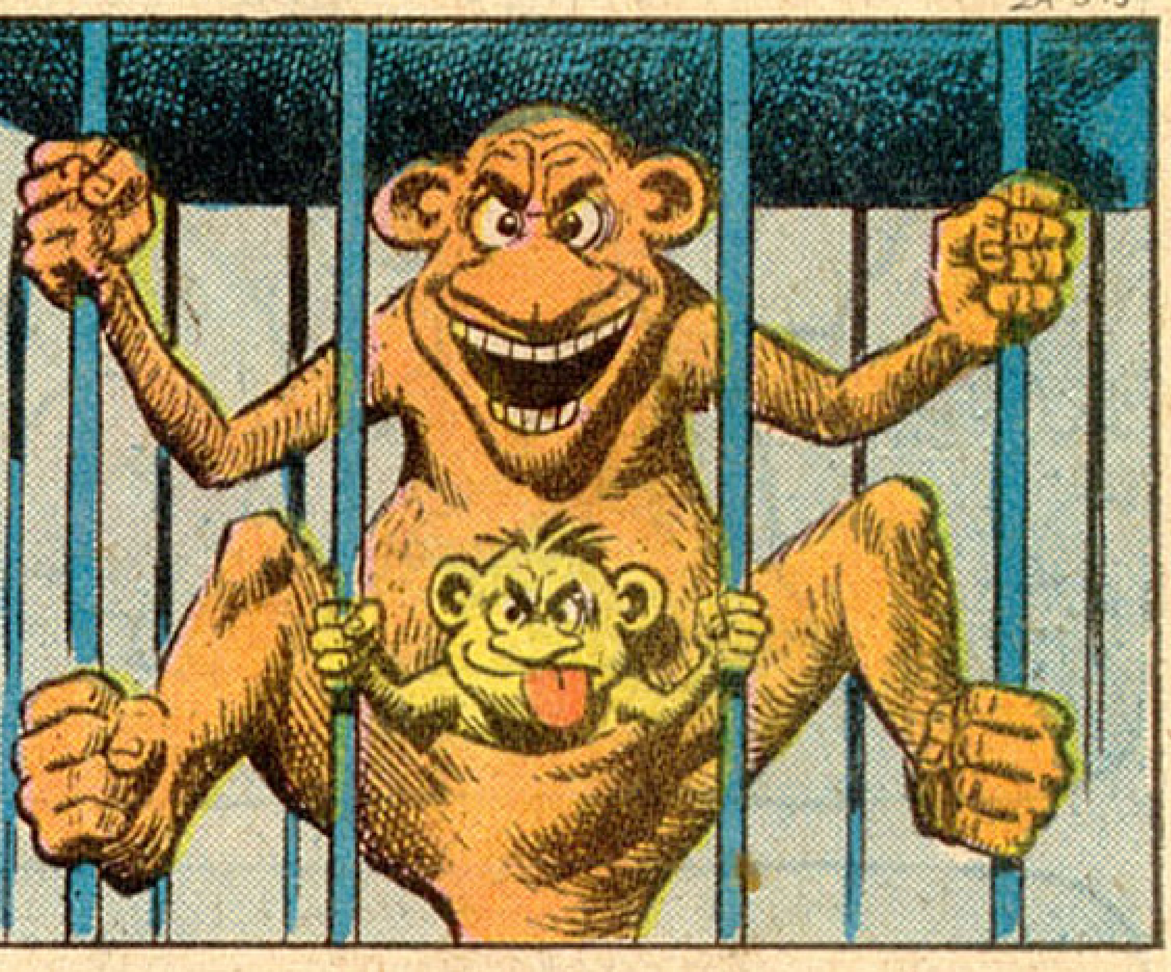
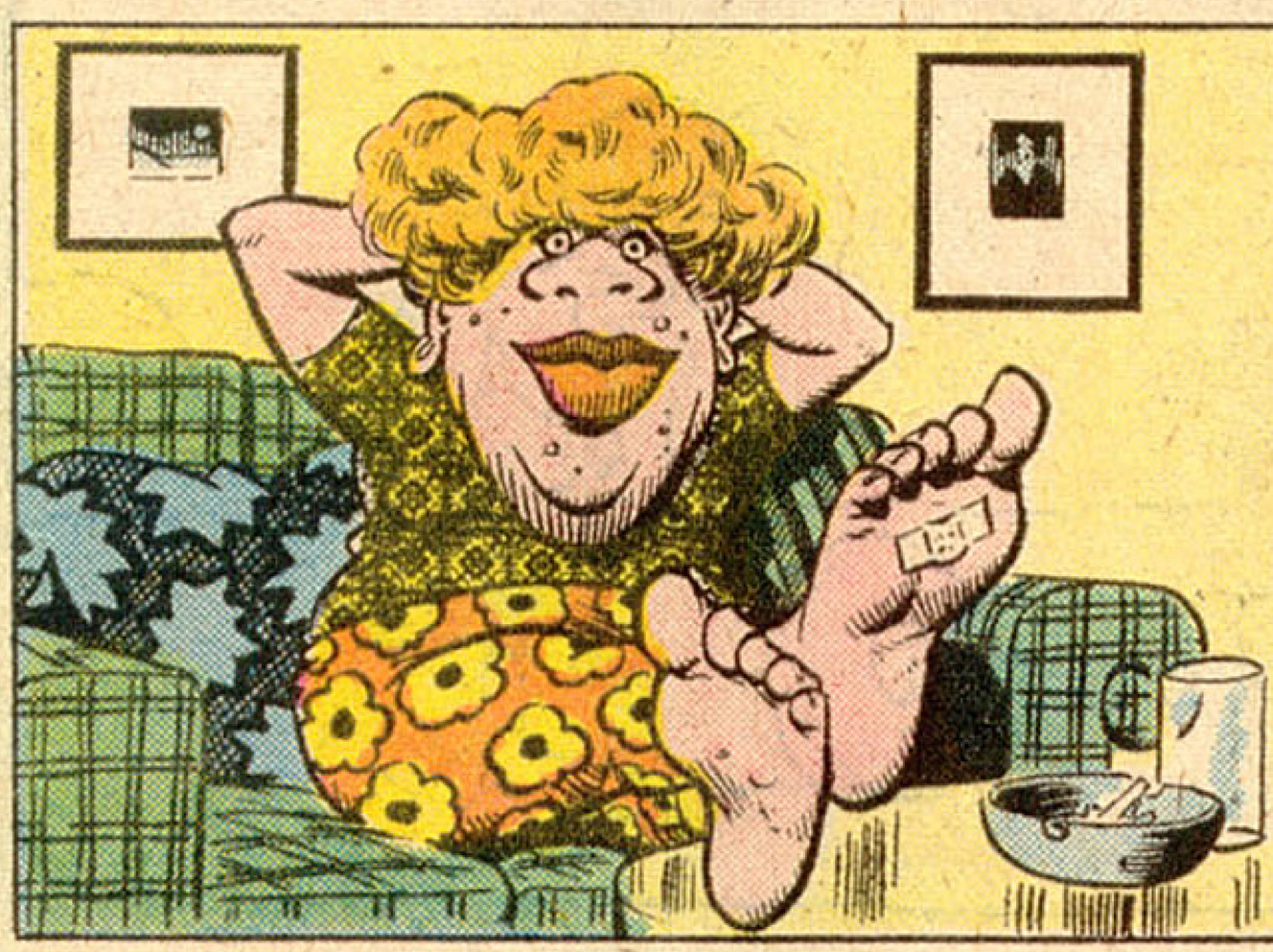
M is for the Mangaroo

If I was a
Mangaroo,
And they put me in a
zoo.
I think I know what I
would do...
I'd go crazy, wouldn't
you?



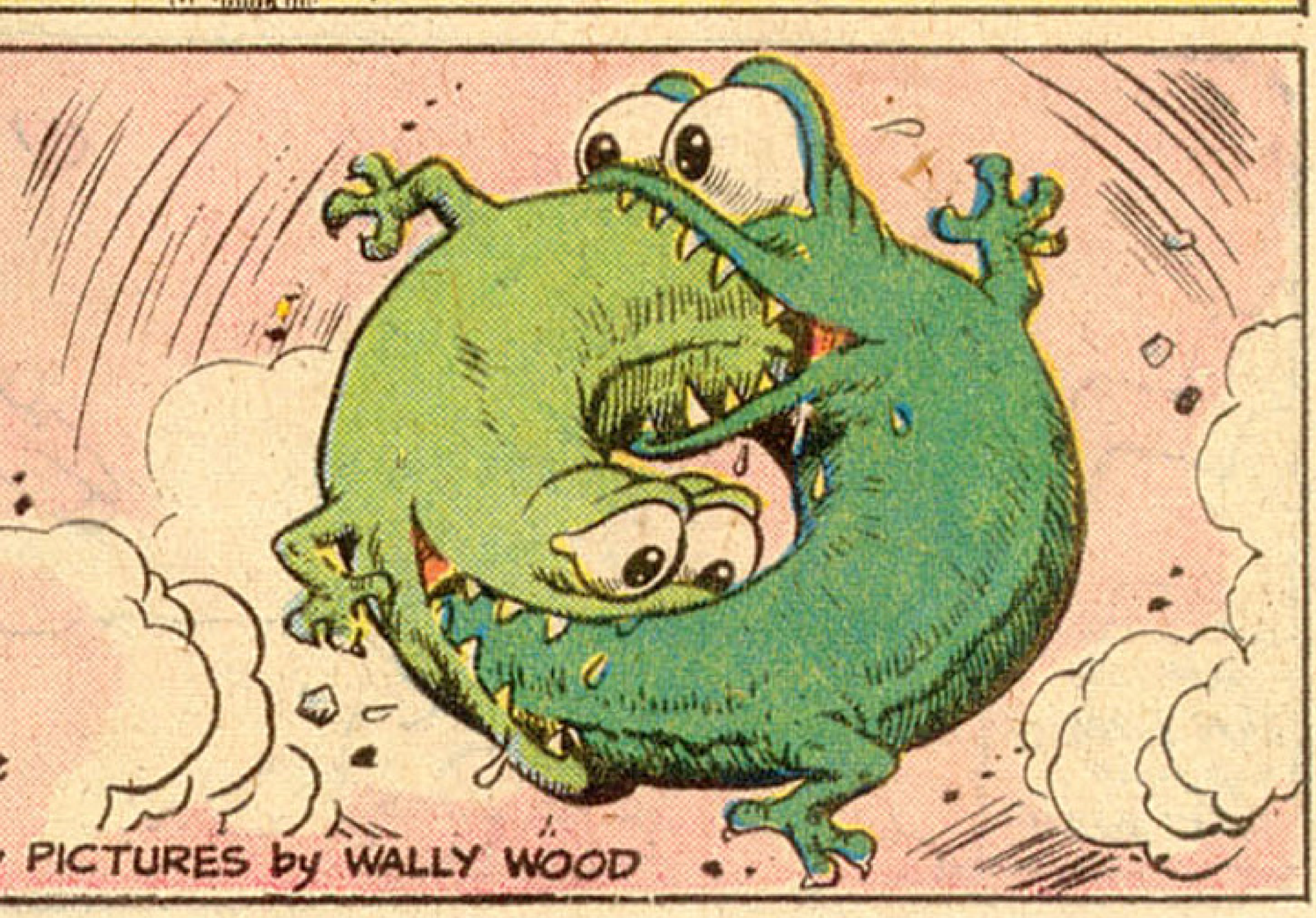


N is for Nellie Nemish

The loveliness of Nellie
Nemish
Is marred by just one
single blemish.
The trouble is, the blemish
goes
From her scalp down to
her toes.

O is for the Omnivor

You will hardly ever
see
Two Omnivors, for
instantly,
Whether they be son or
brother,
They try to swallow one
another.



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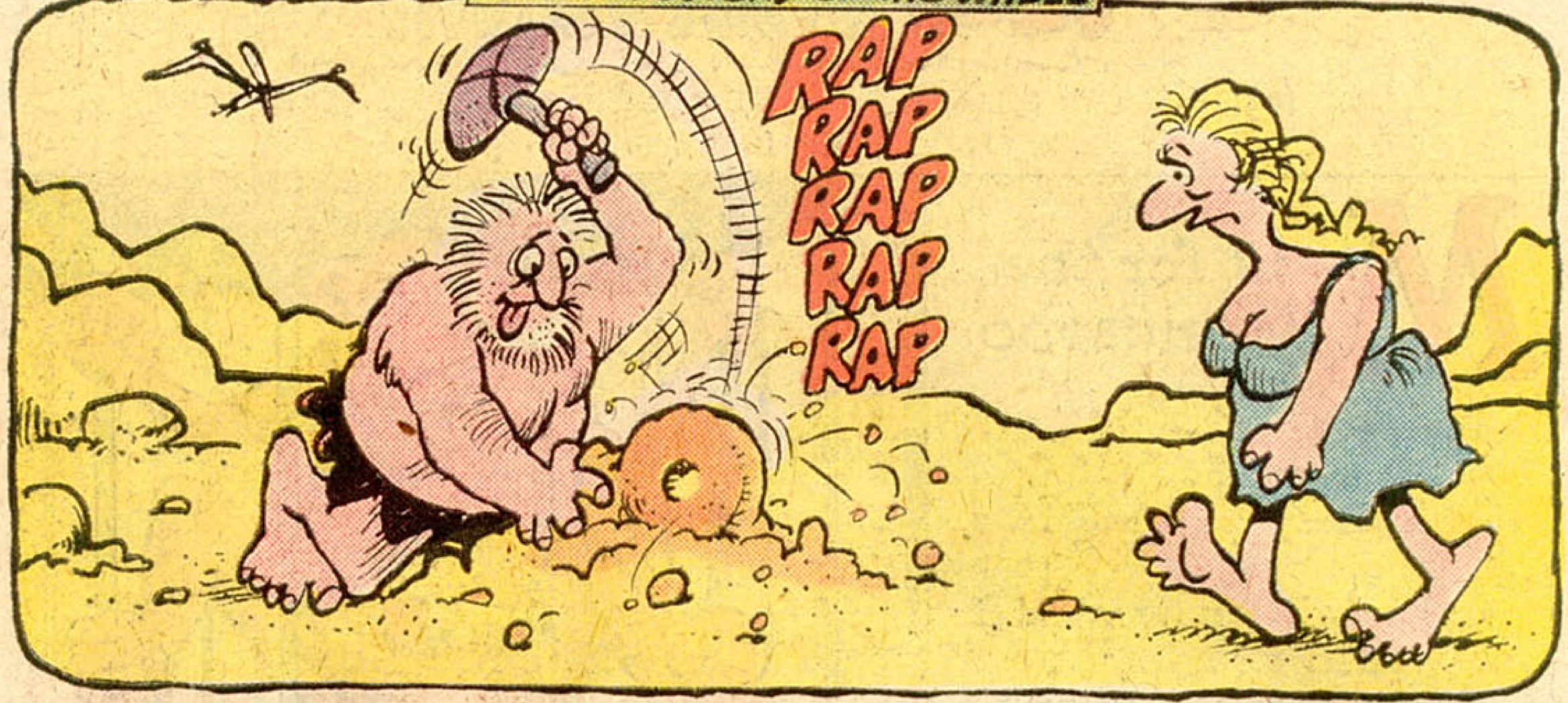
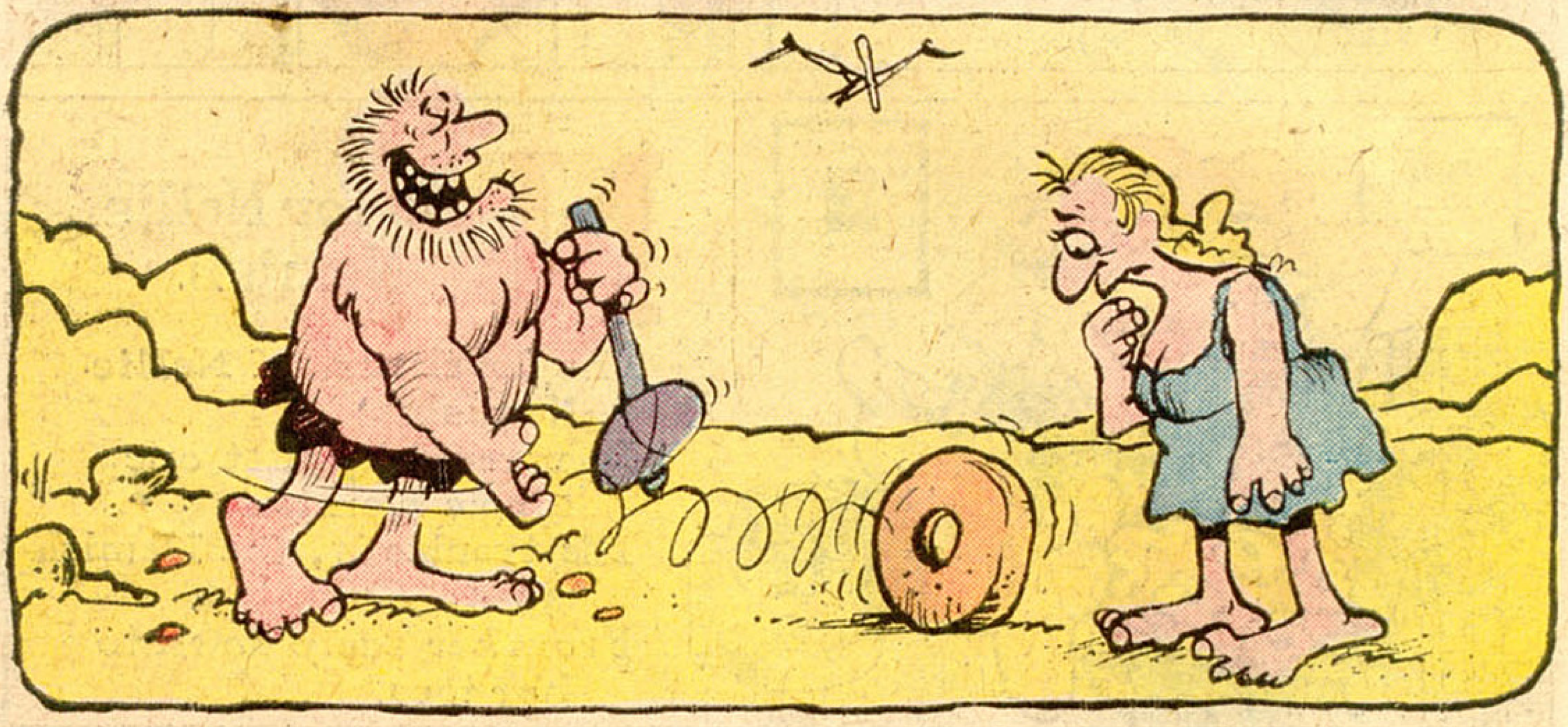
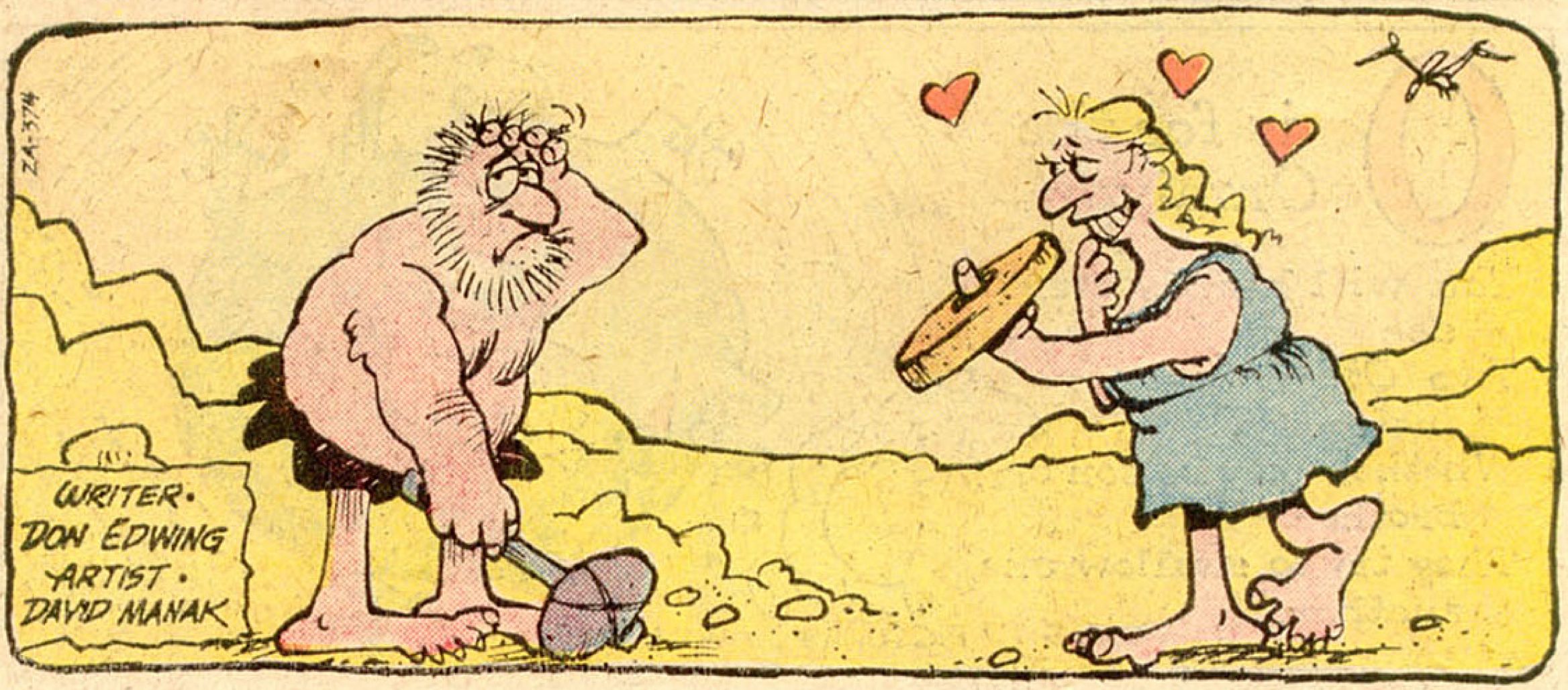
HISTORICAL PLOPS

THE DISCOVERY OF THE WHEEL







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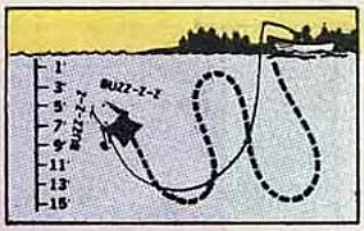
Swims & dives to 15 feet! No tugging; no pulling!



ACTION LURE swims by itself without being pulled. It swims various depths down to 15 feet for up to one hour or more, with a slow, erratic maimed-minnow motion that no fresh or salt water fish can resist, all the time sending out its enticing buzzing insect sound to attract fish from yards away!

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For perhaps one minute ACTION LURE will float quietly; then, as water reaches the fuel, your lure will seem to shudder for a second, then spring dramatically to "life!" Making the buzzing sound of a dying bee, ACTION LURE will point its nose downward, and begin its first descent! Slowly, jerkily, like a maimed minnow, it will swim noisily downward, buzzing and humming, traveling about nine feet every fifteen seconds! If no fish intercepts it, its descent automatically stops, it slowly raises up its nose and climbs to the surface again!

And again! And again! Tirelessly, hour after hour, far beyond the reach of your own casts! Roaming restlessly over every foot of water beneath you – even on slack line – even when your boat is tied up – *even when you're curled upon the dock, sound asleep!* And all the while ACTION LURE is swimming and buzzing and driving the fish around you to such a frenzy they practically tear the rod out of your hands!

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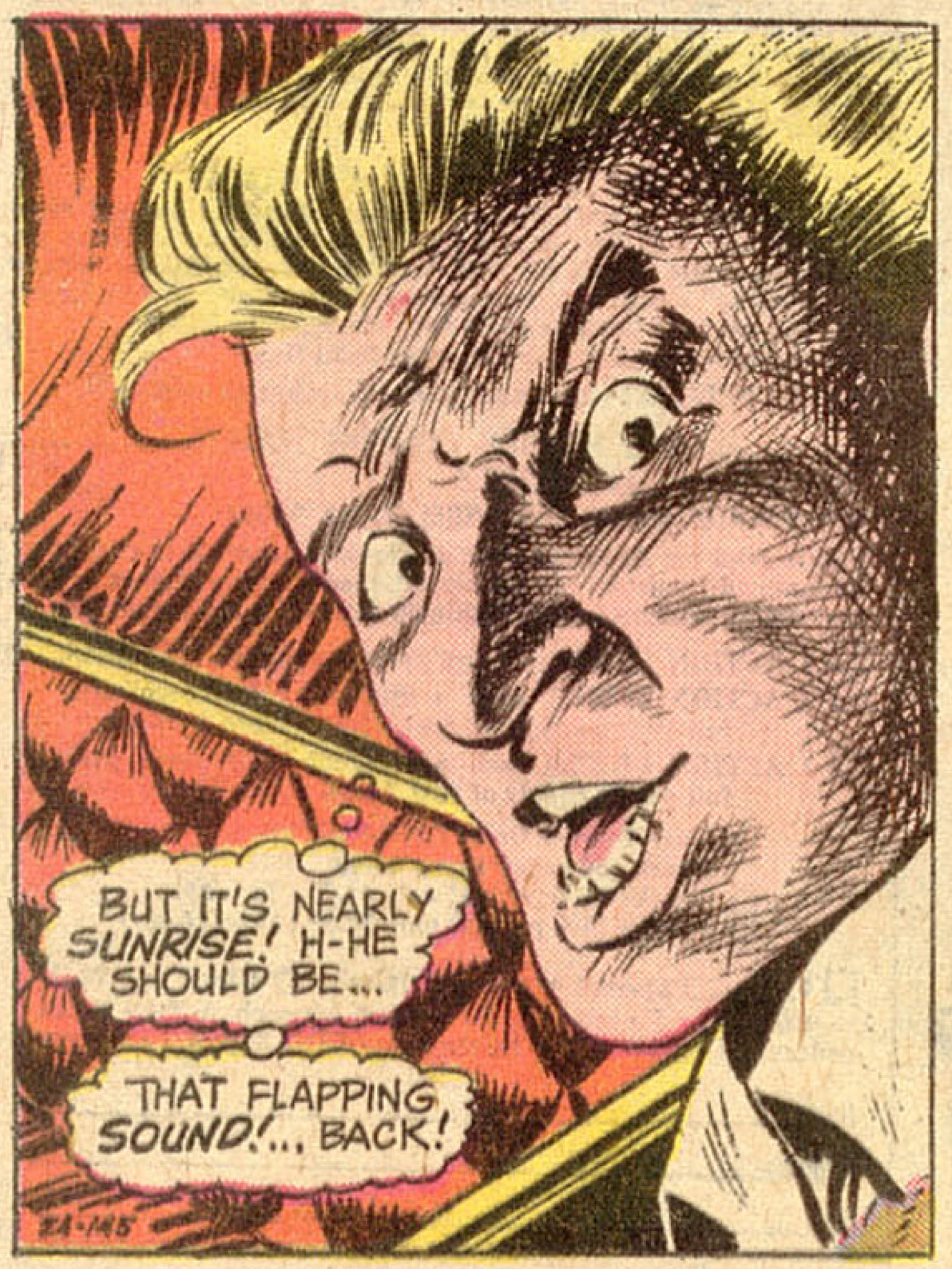
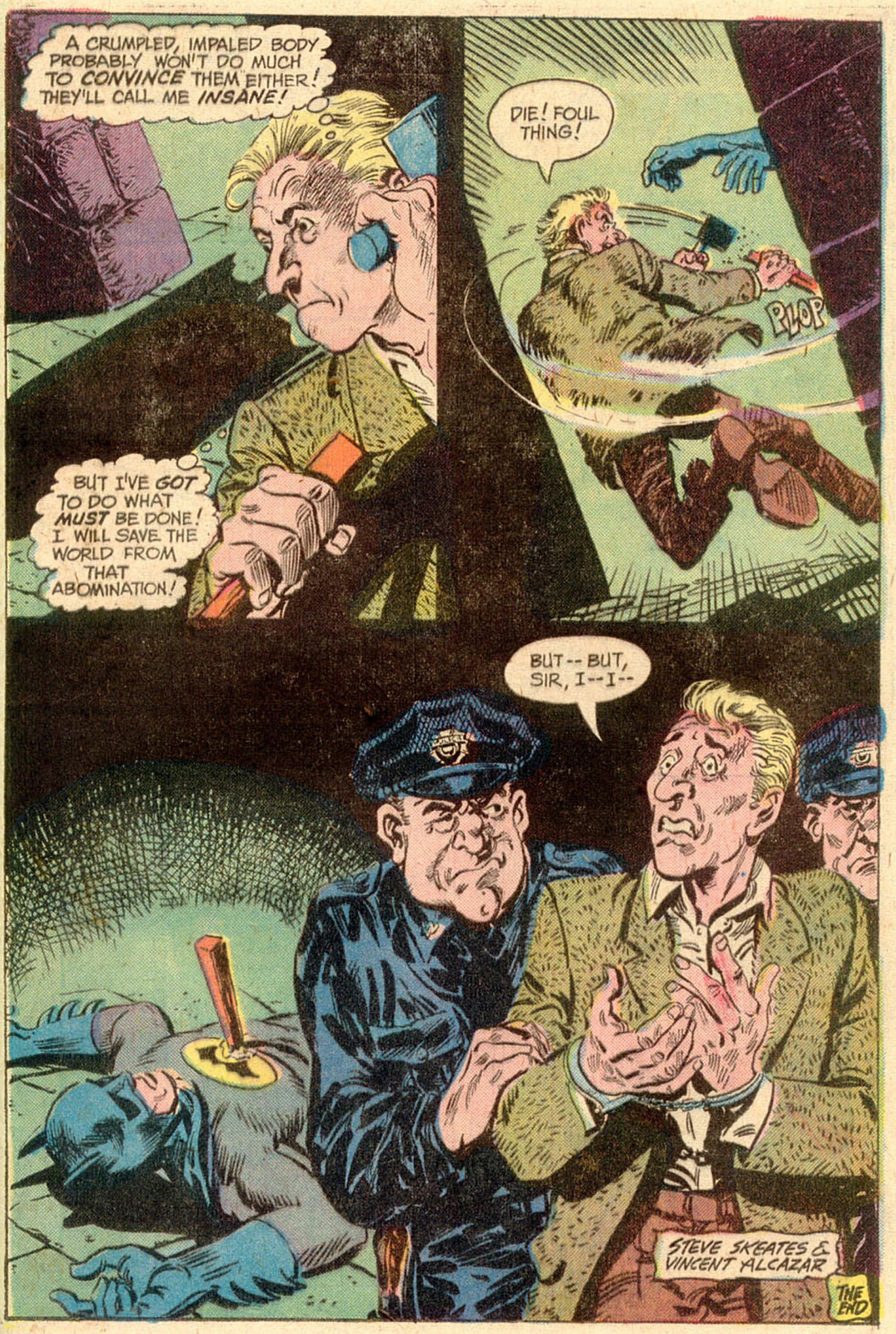
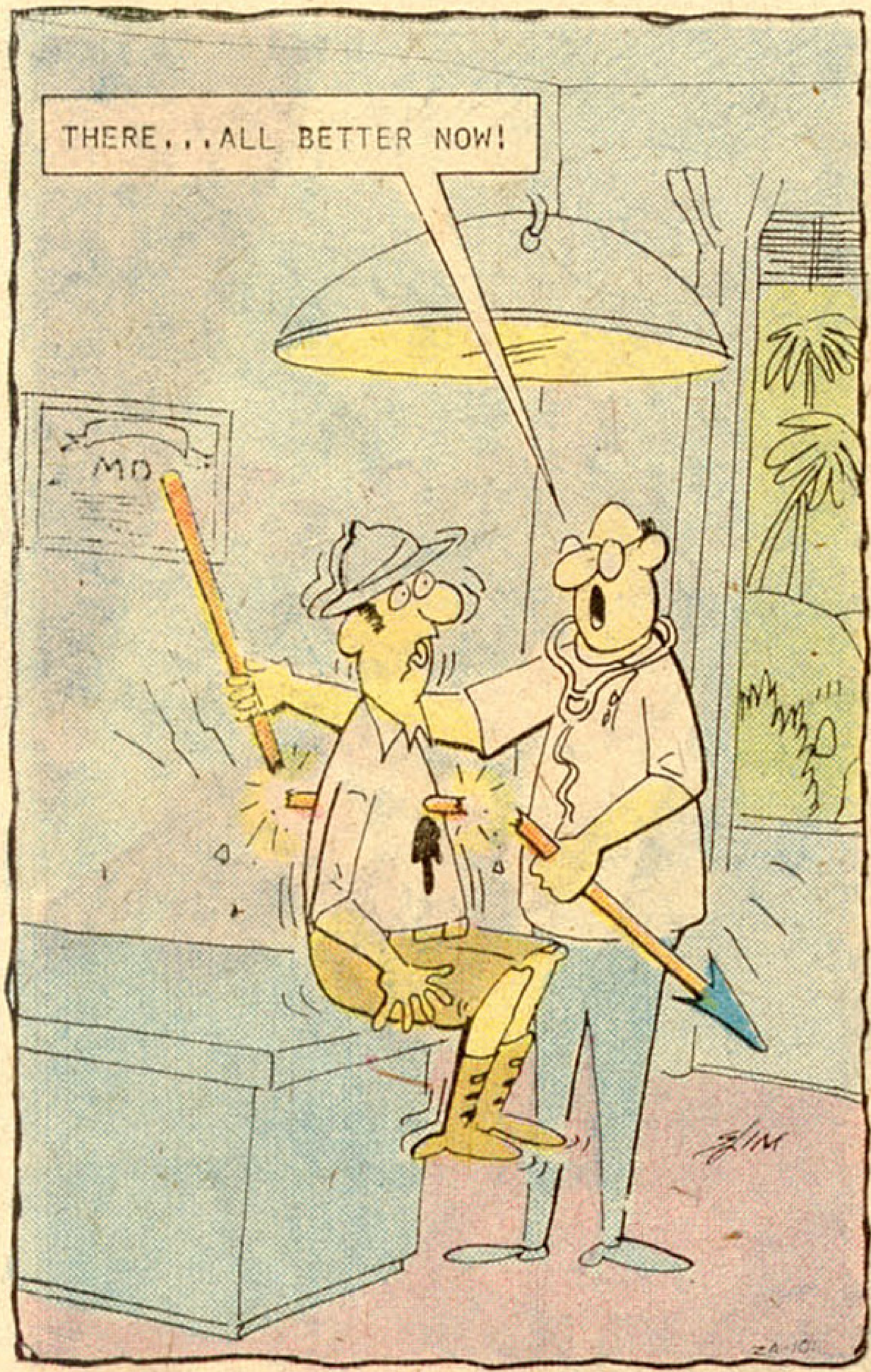
A TALE BEFORE SUNRISE

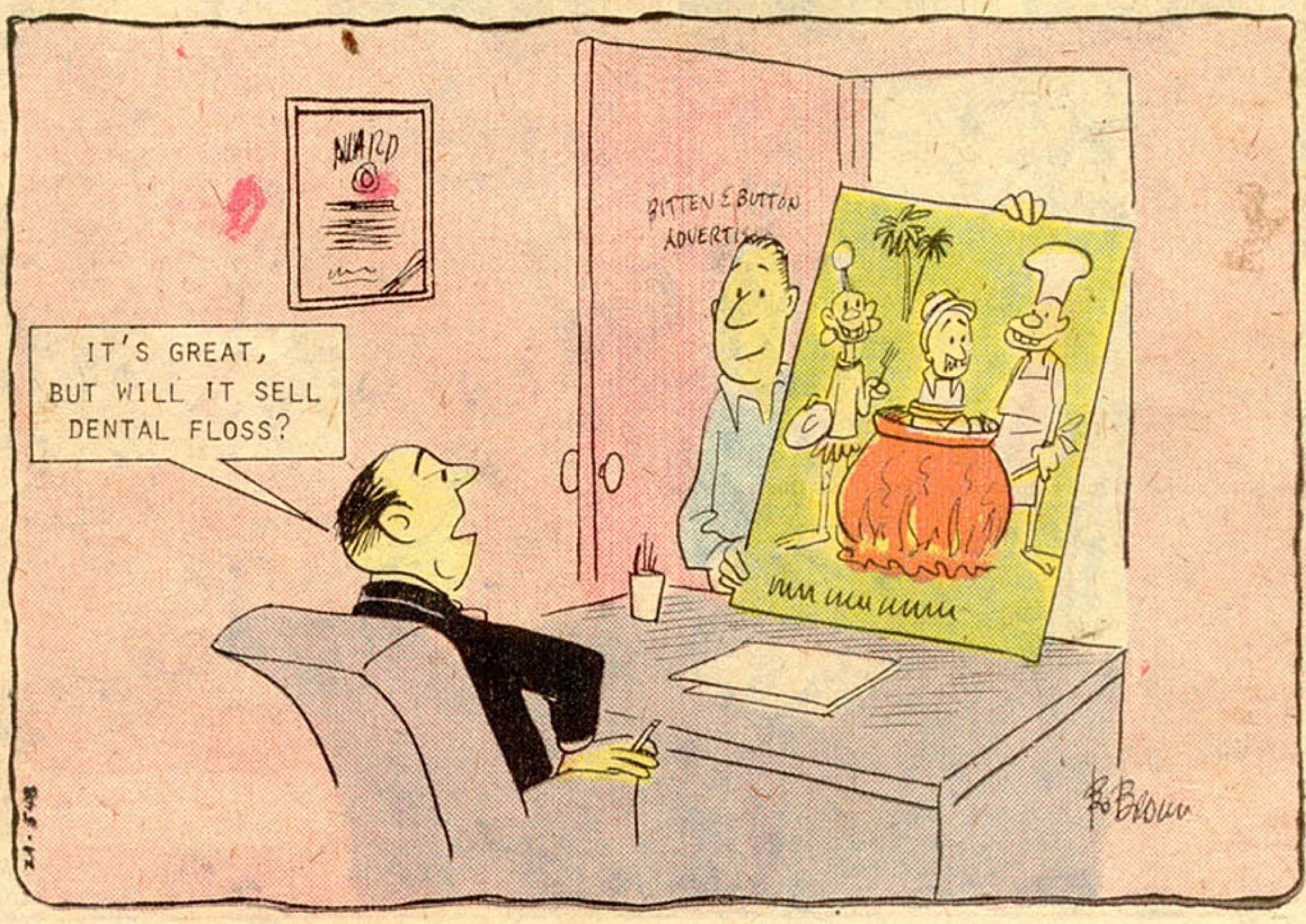



A CRUMPLED, IMPALED BODY PROBABLY WON'T DO MUCH TO CONVINCE THEM EITHER! THEY'LL CALL ME INSANE!
BUT I'VE GOT TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE! I WILL SAVE THE WORLD FROM THAT ABOMINATION!
DIE! FOUL THING!
PLOP
BUT -- BUT, SIR, I -- I --
STEVE SKEATES & VINCENT ALCAZAR
THE END

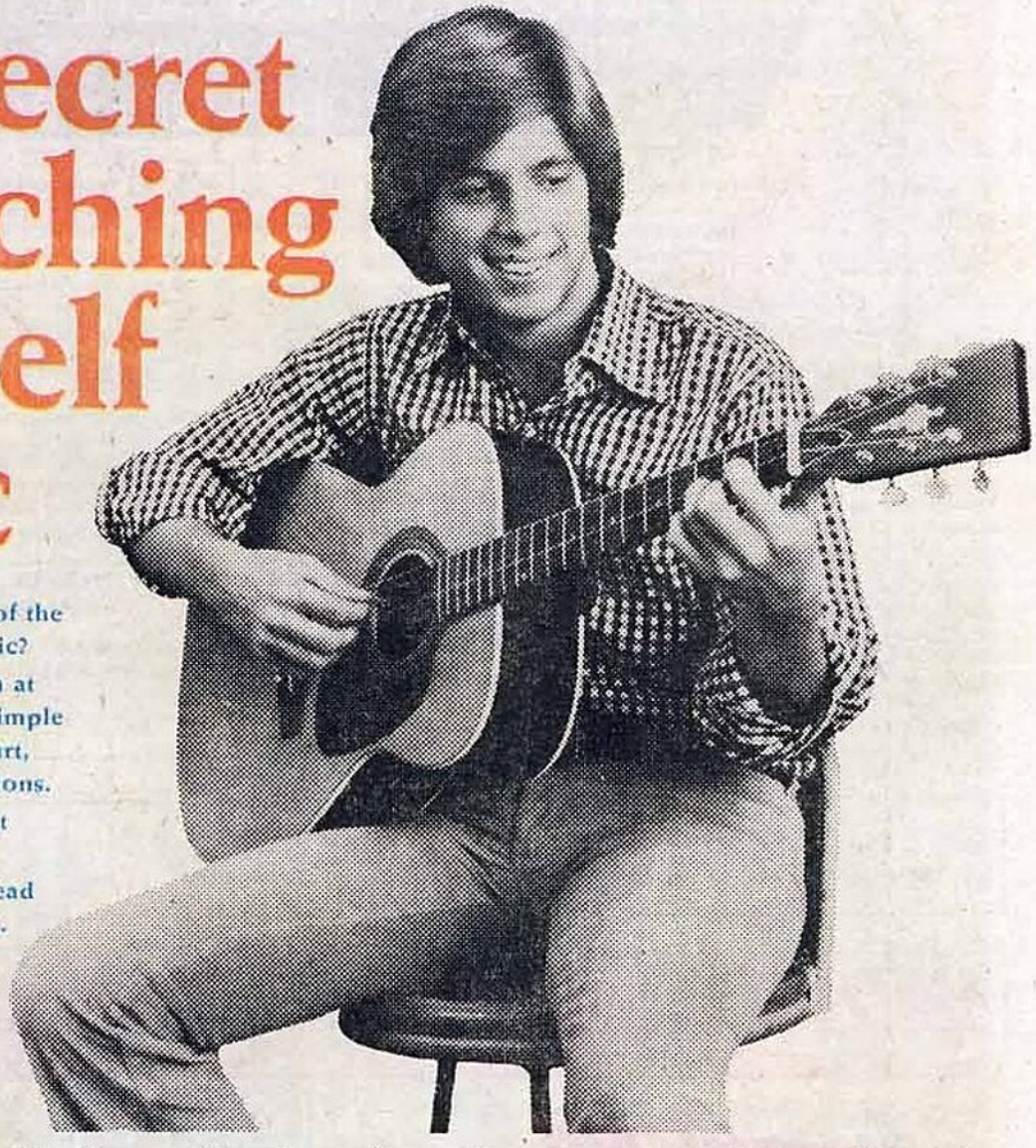


WHY WERE THE CHICKENS WATCHING THE STONEMASON?

THEY HEARD HE WAS ABOUT TO LAY A SIDEWALK.



The secret of teaching yourself music



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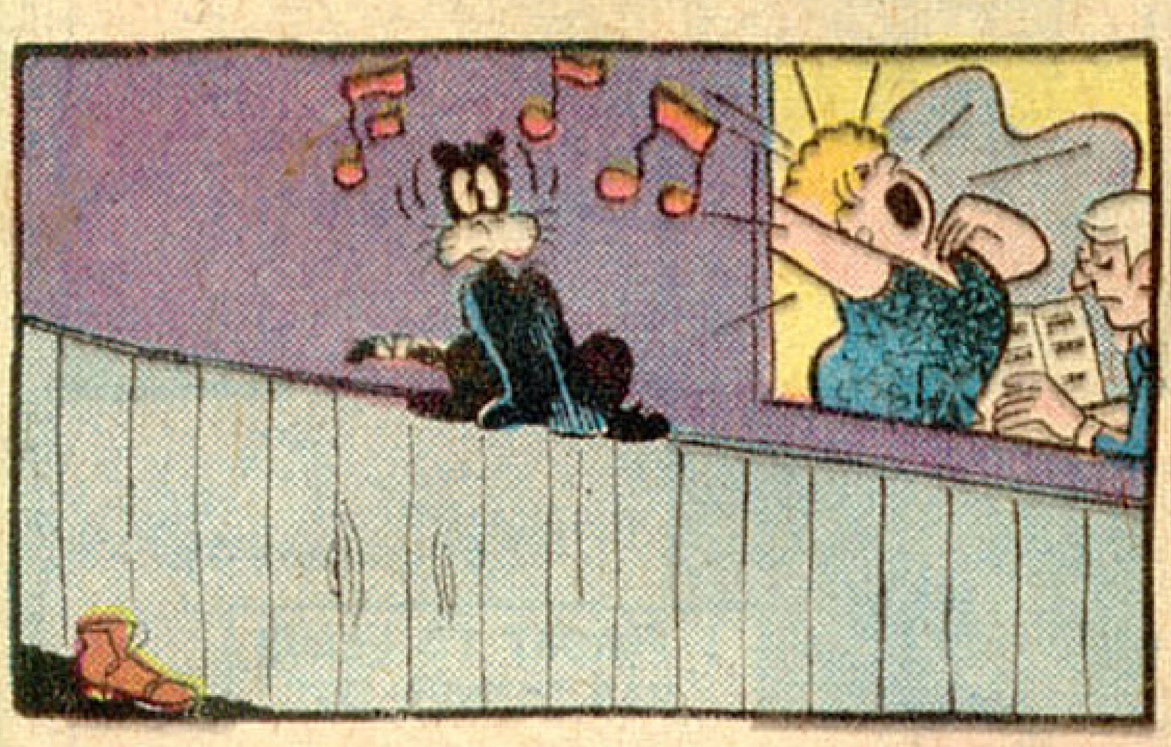
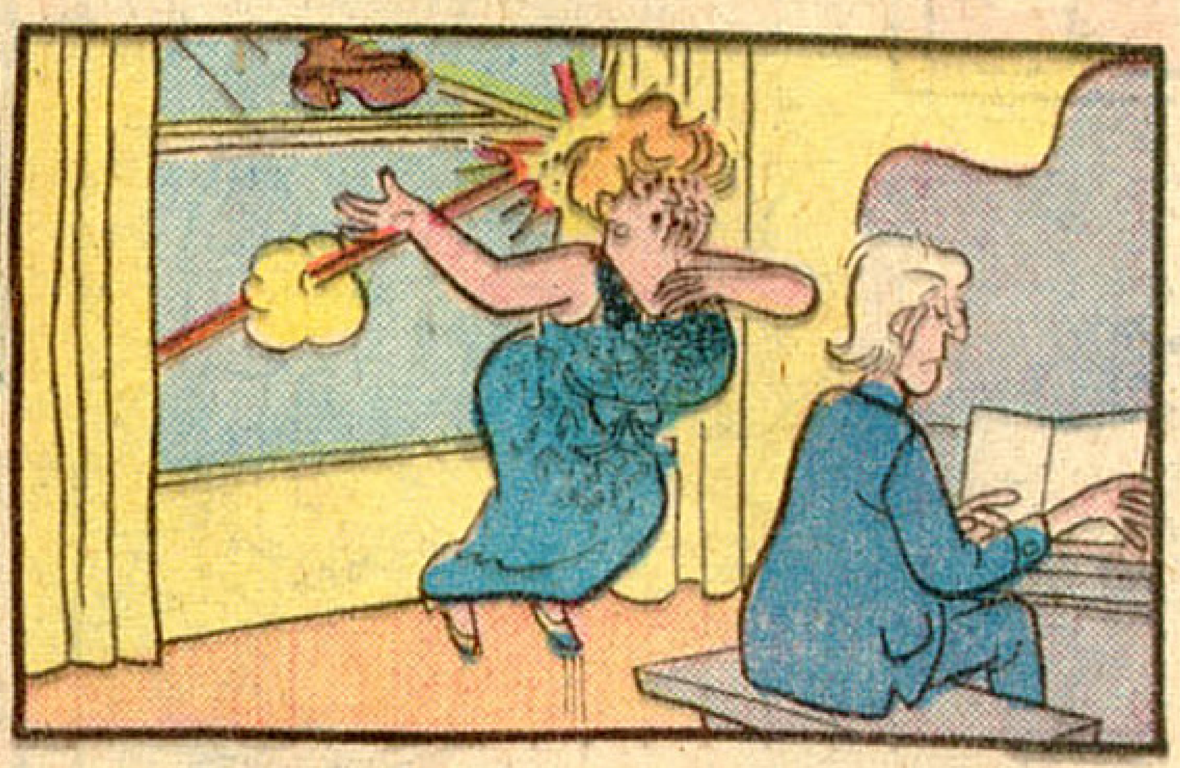
CROSS-EYED PUSSYCAT





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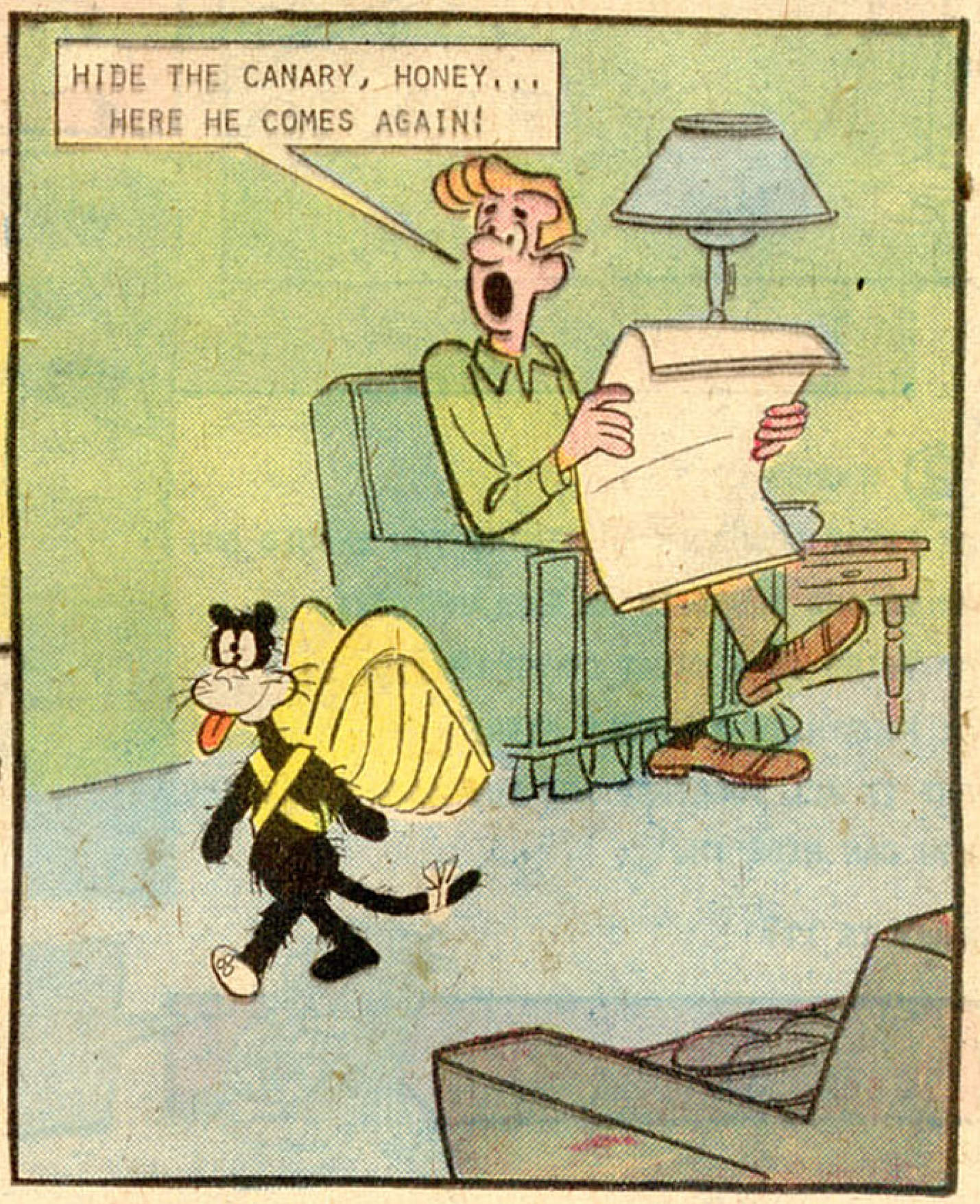

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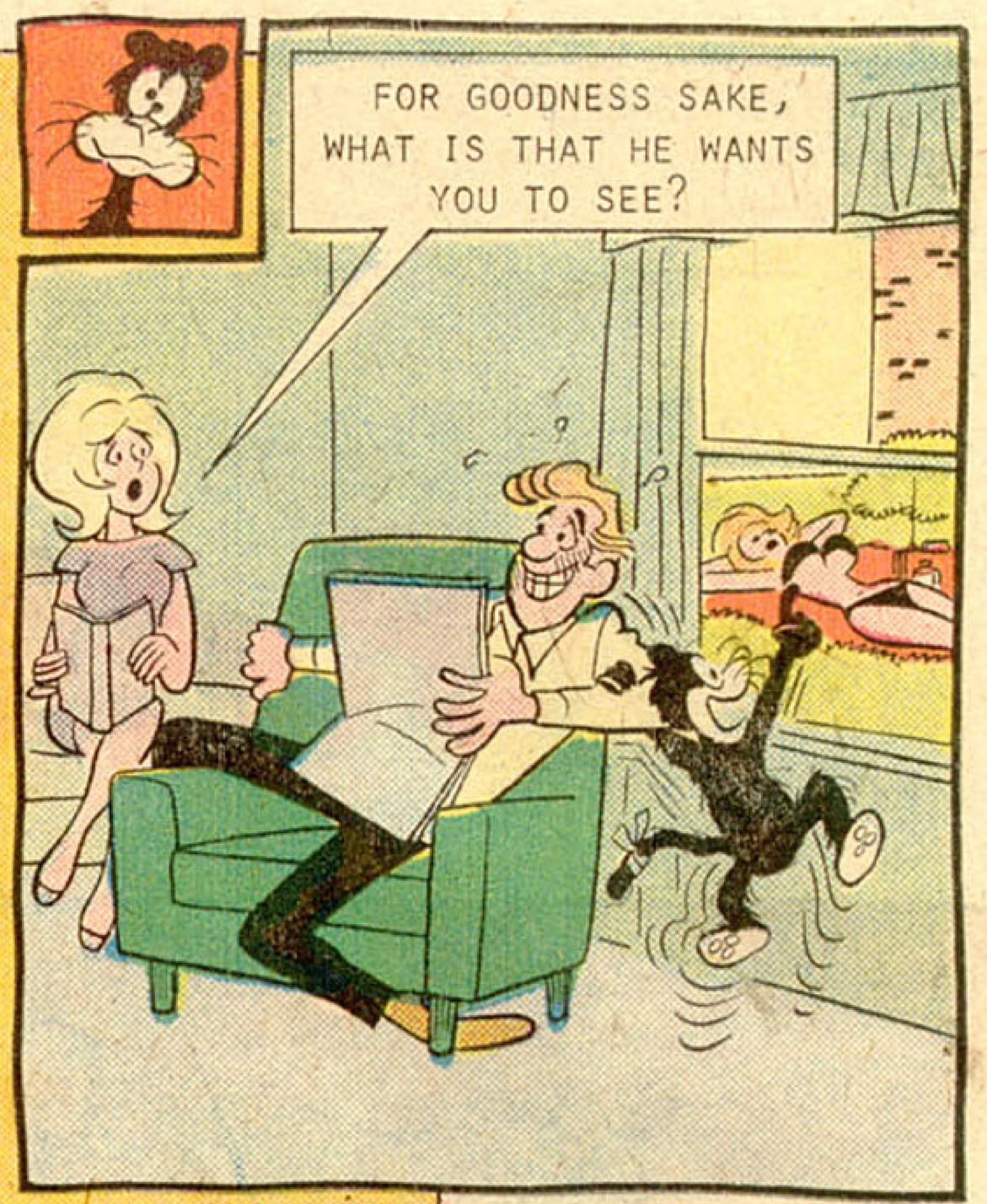

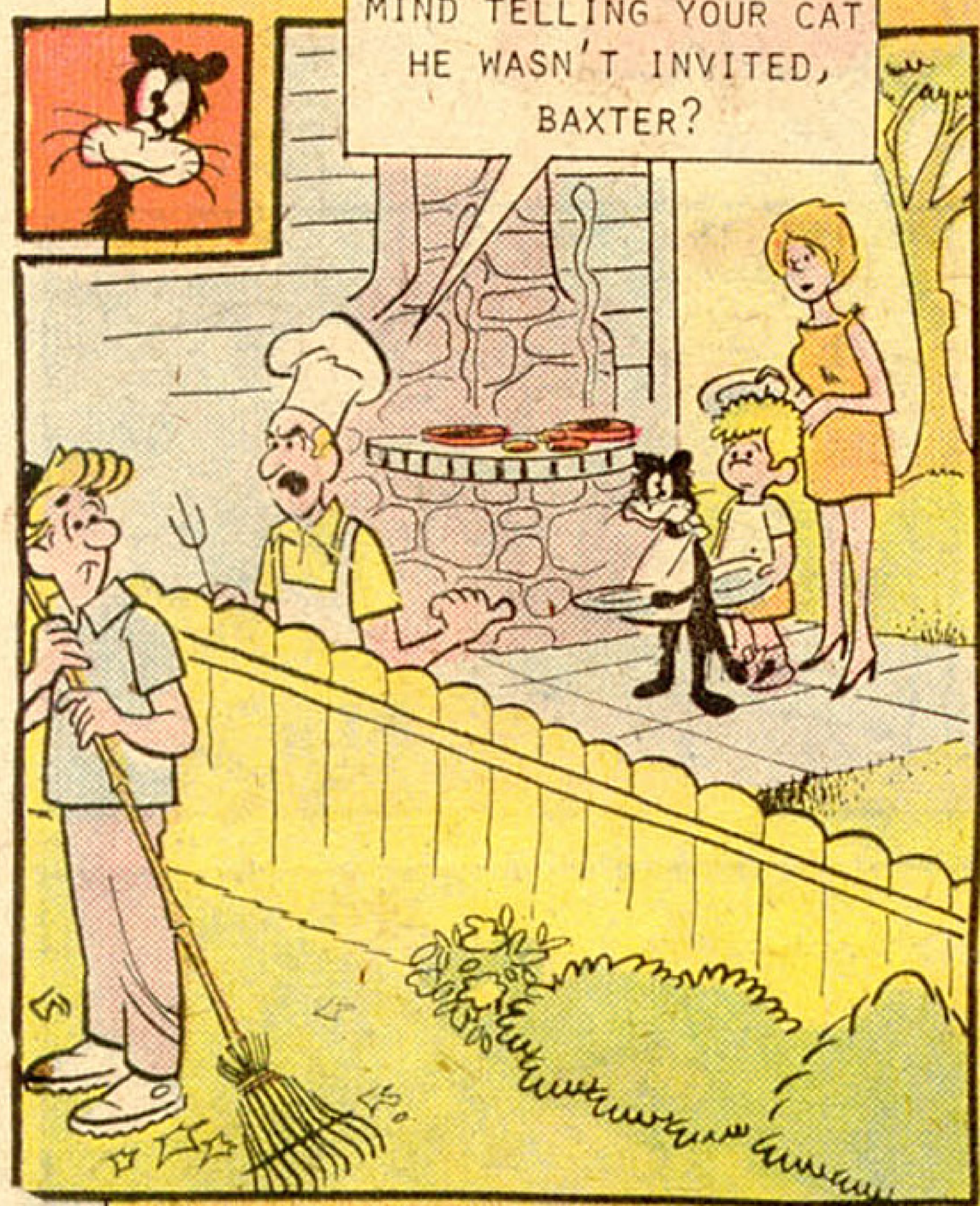

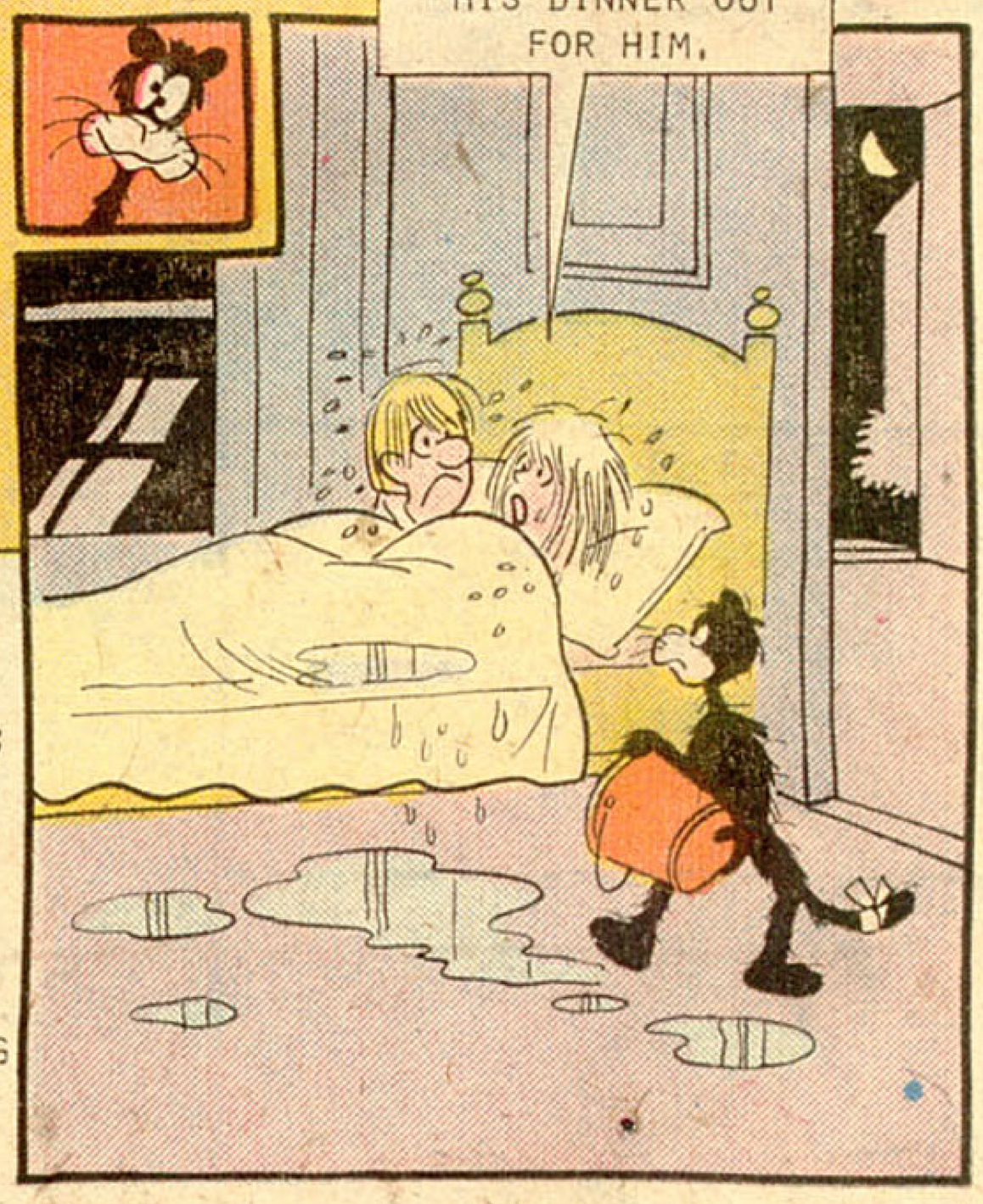

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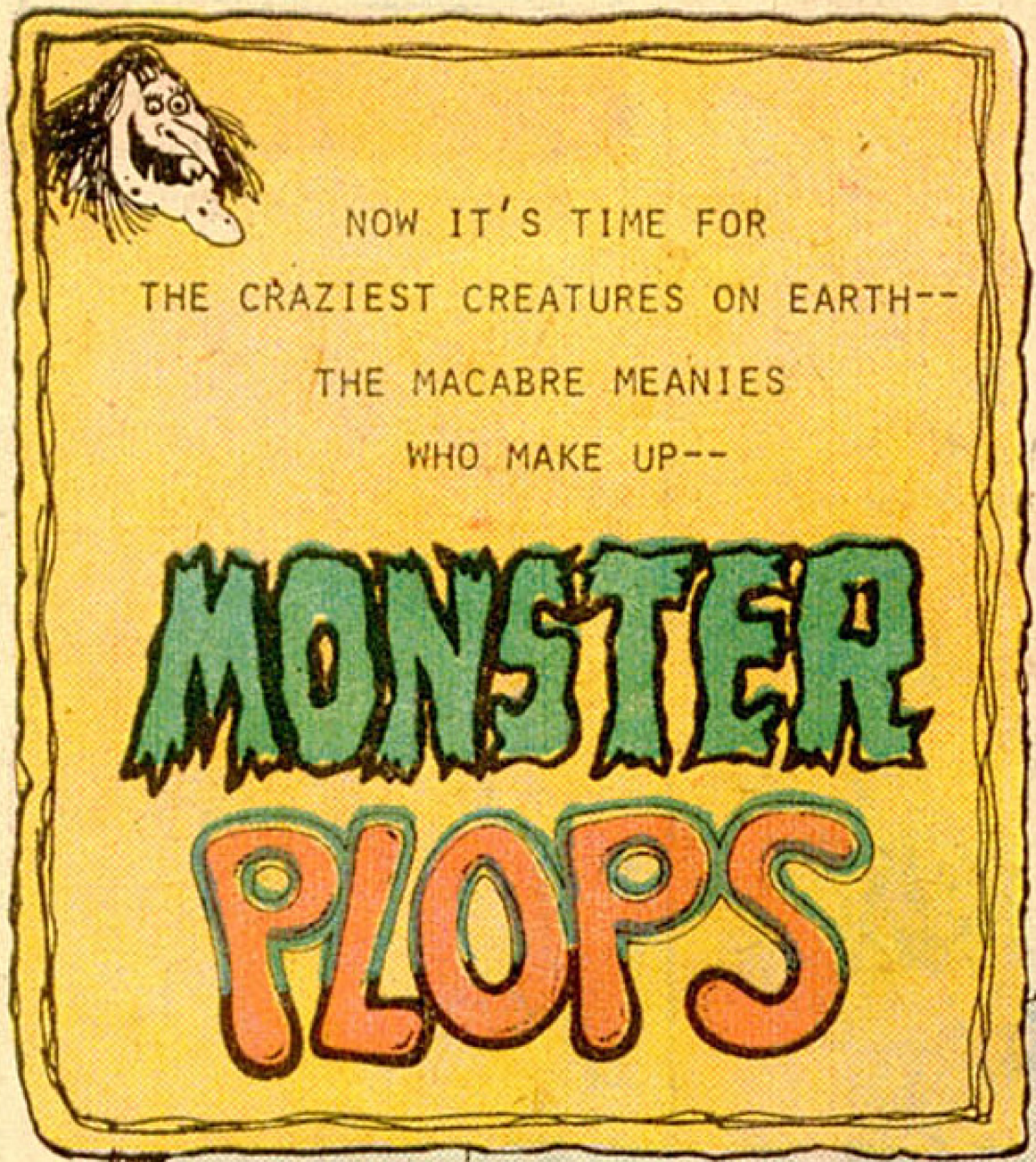

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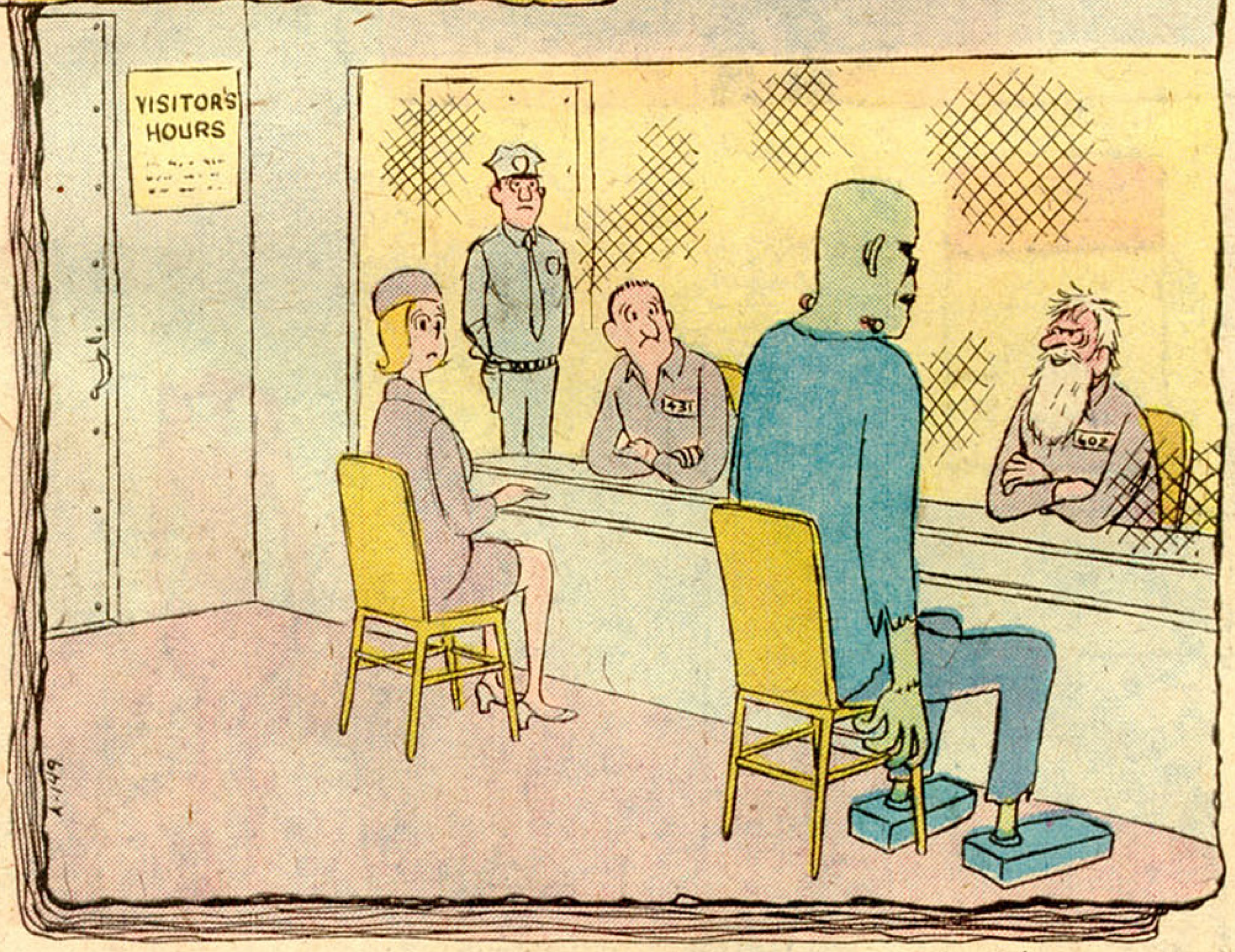

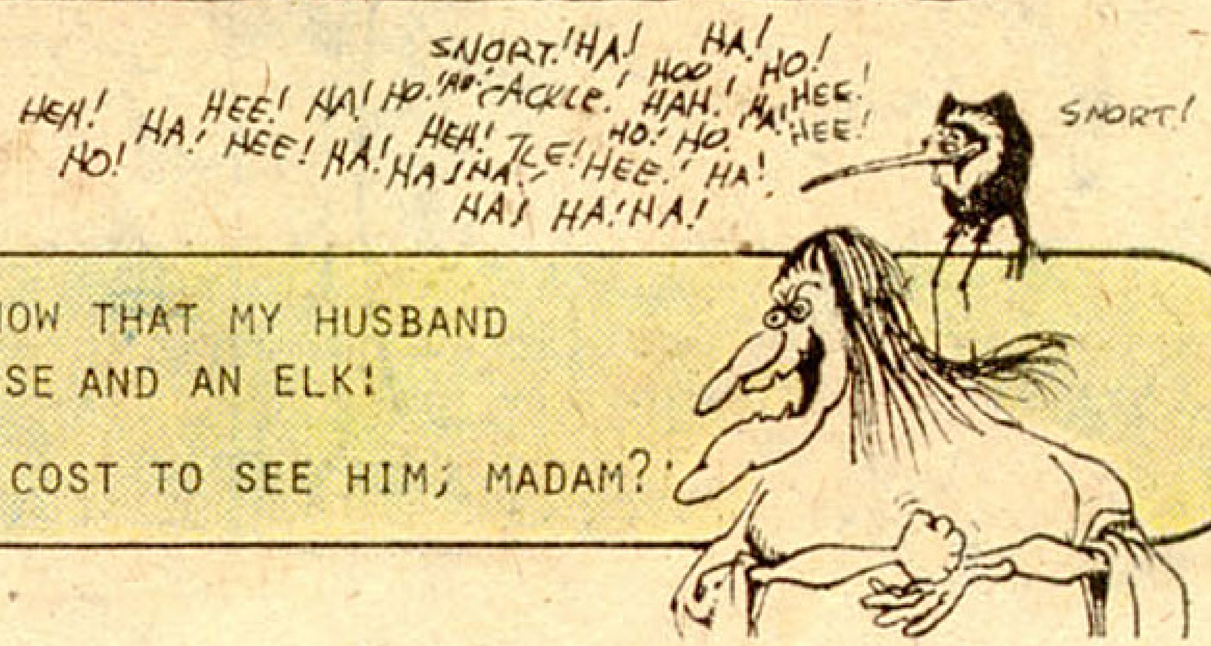

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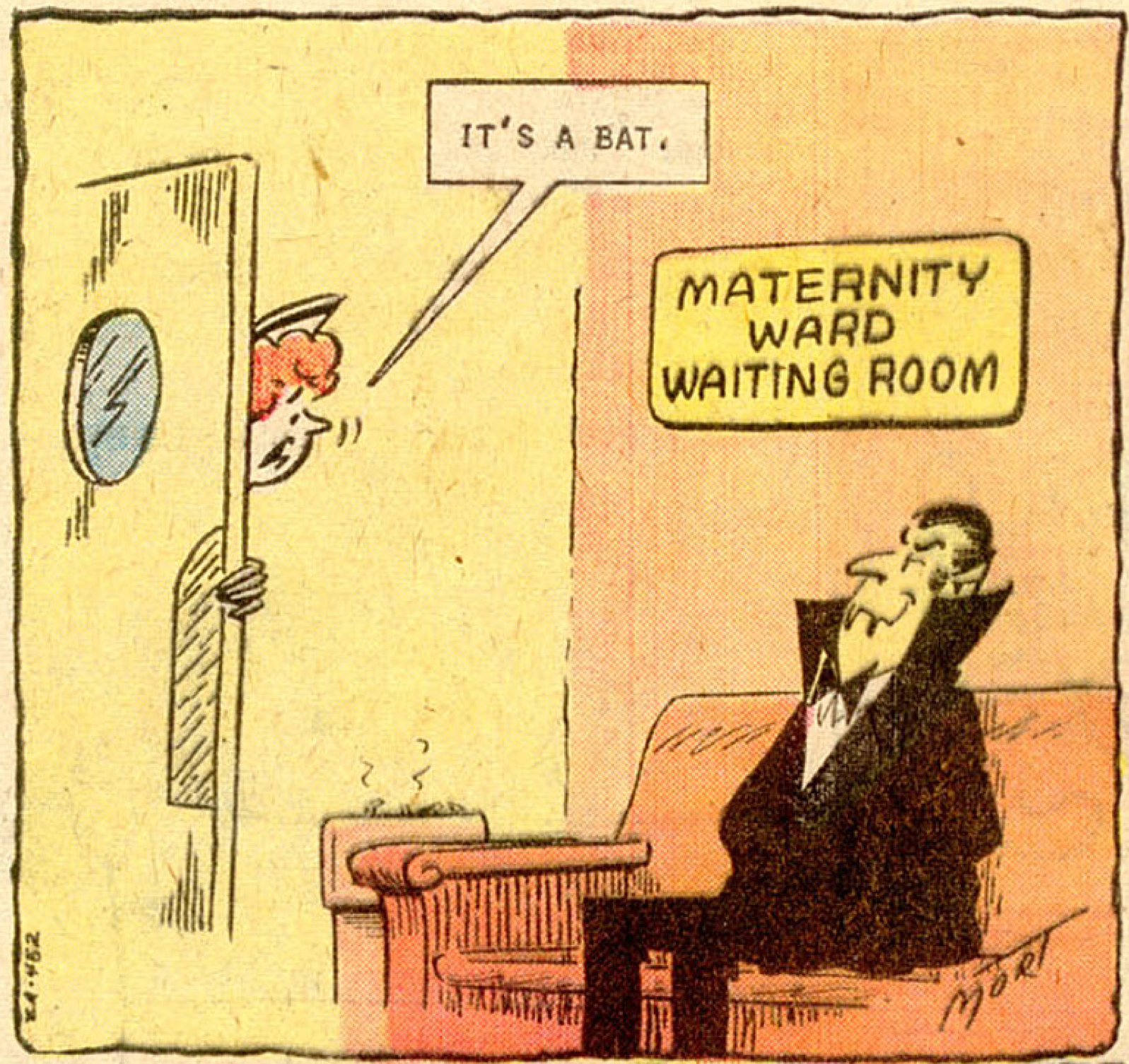

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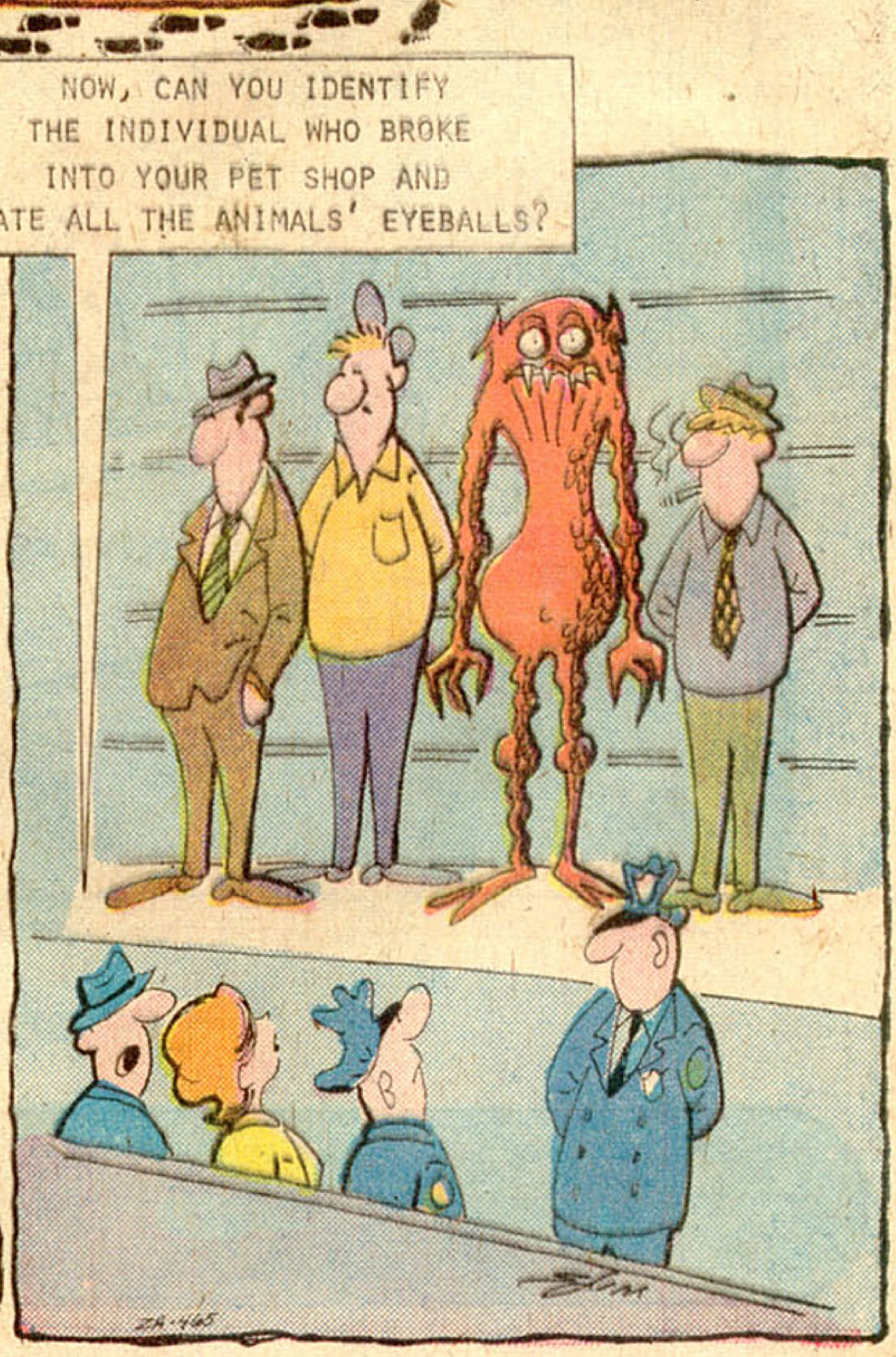

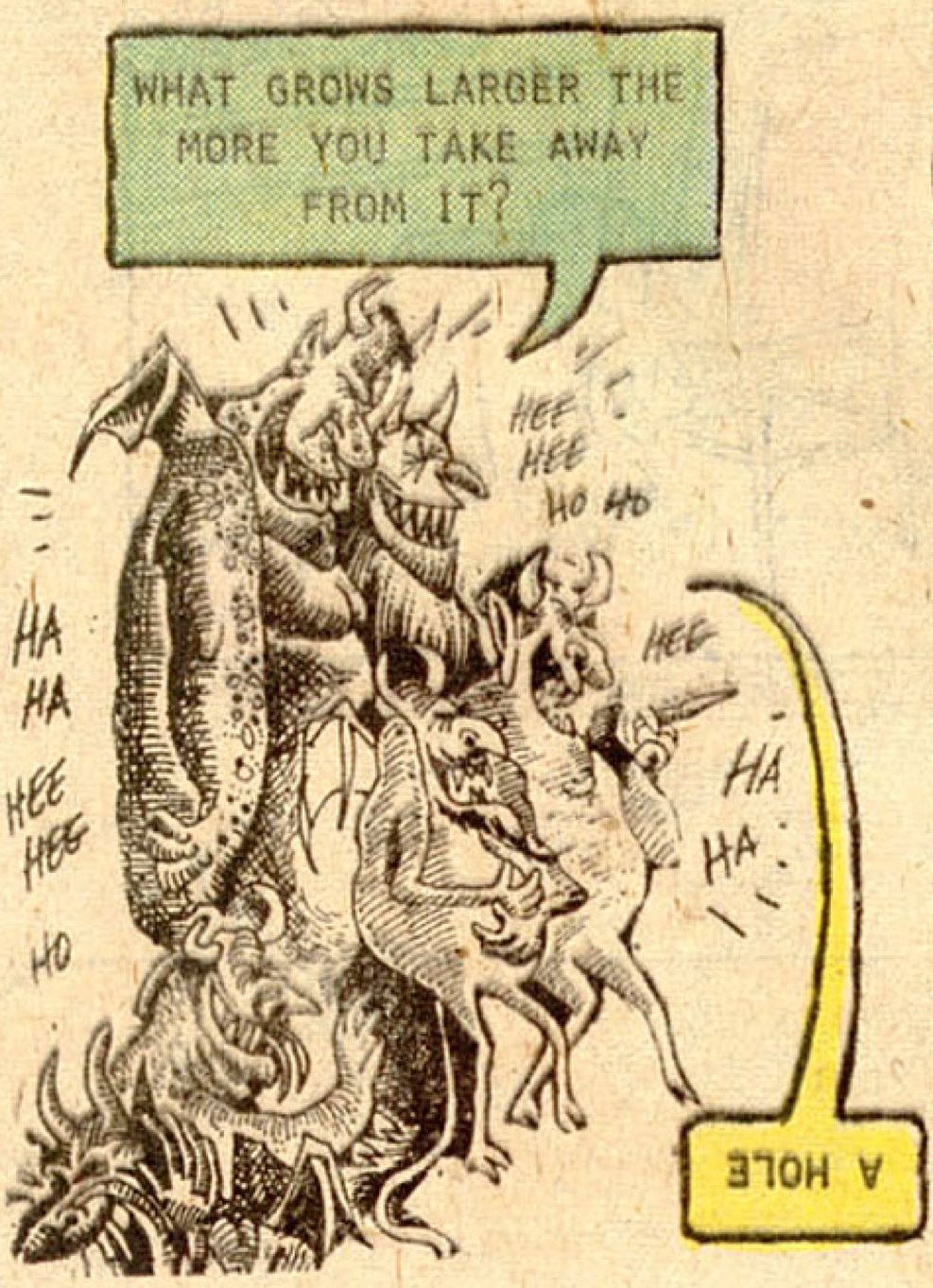

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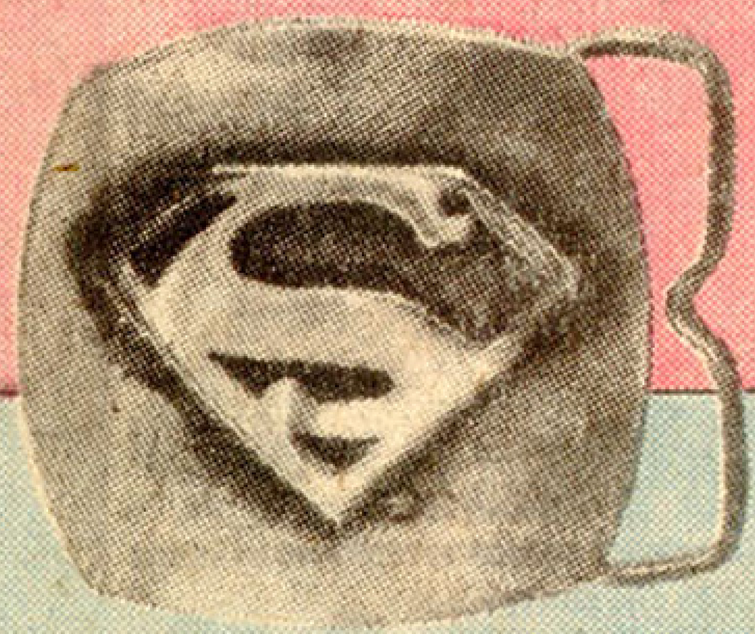

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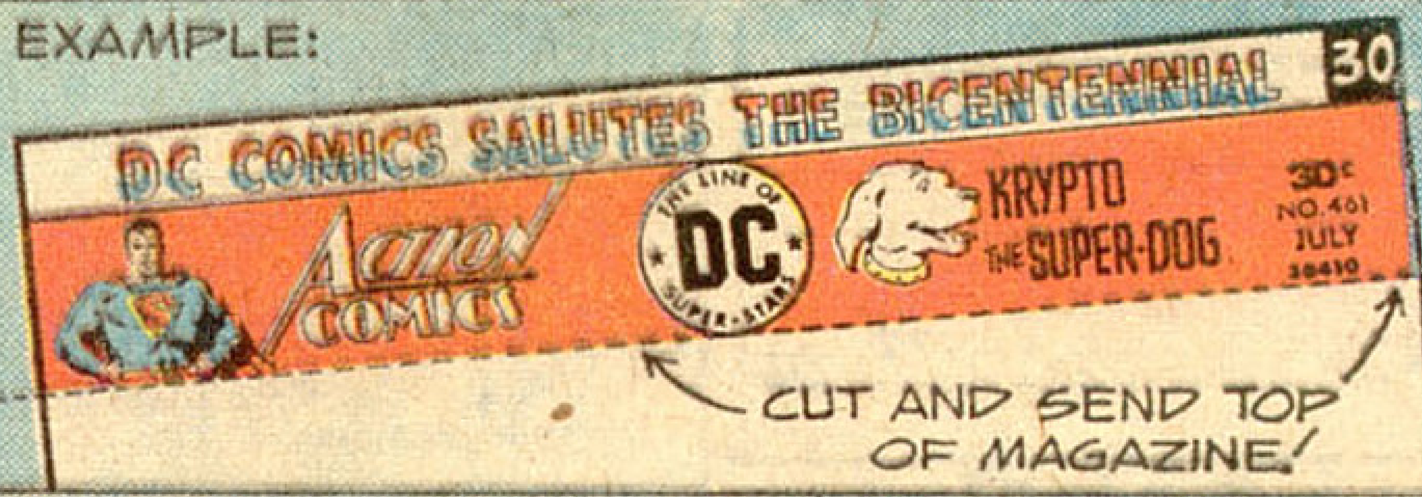

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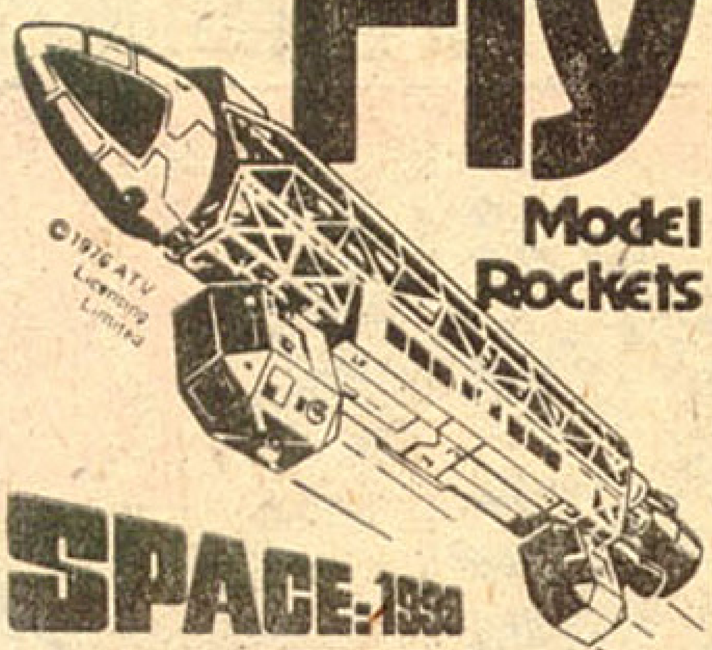

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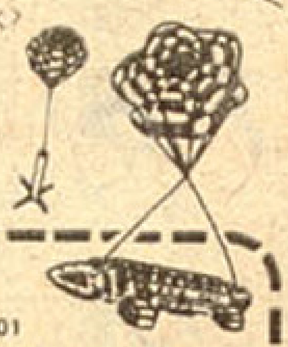

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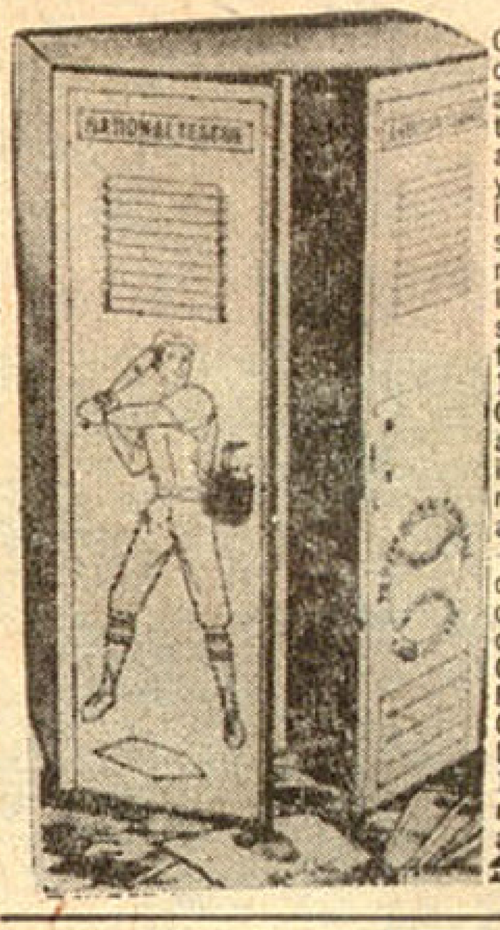

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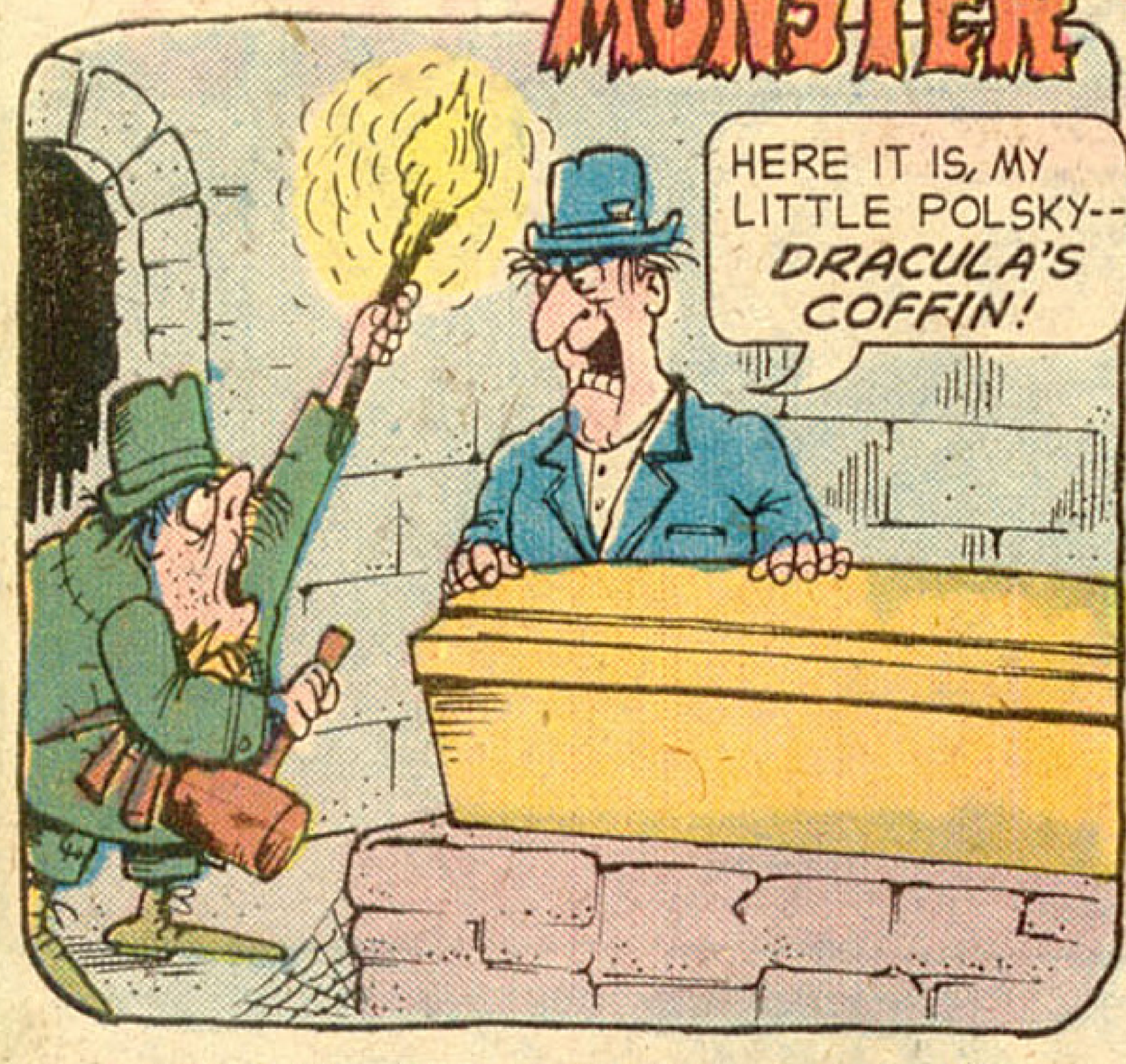

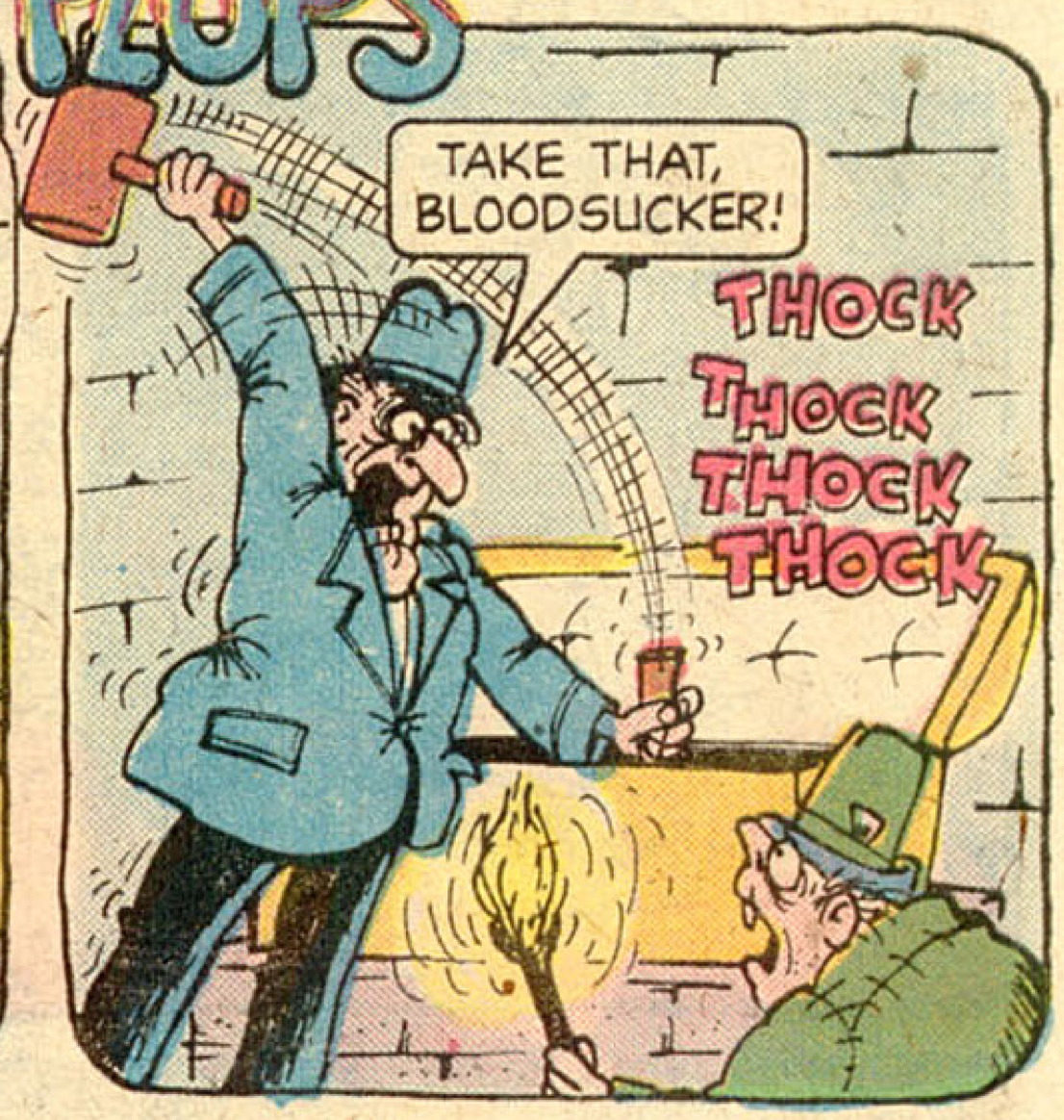

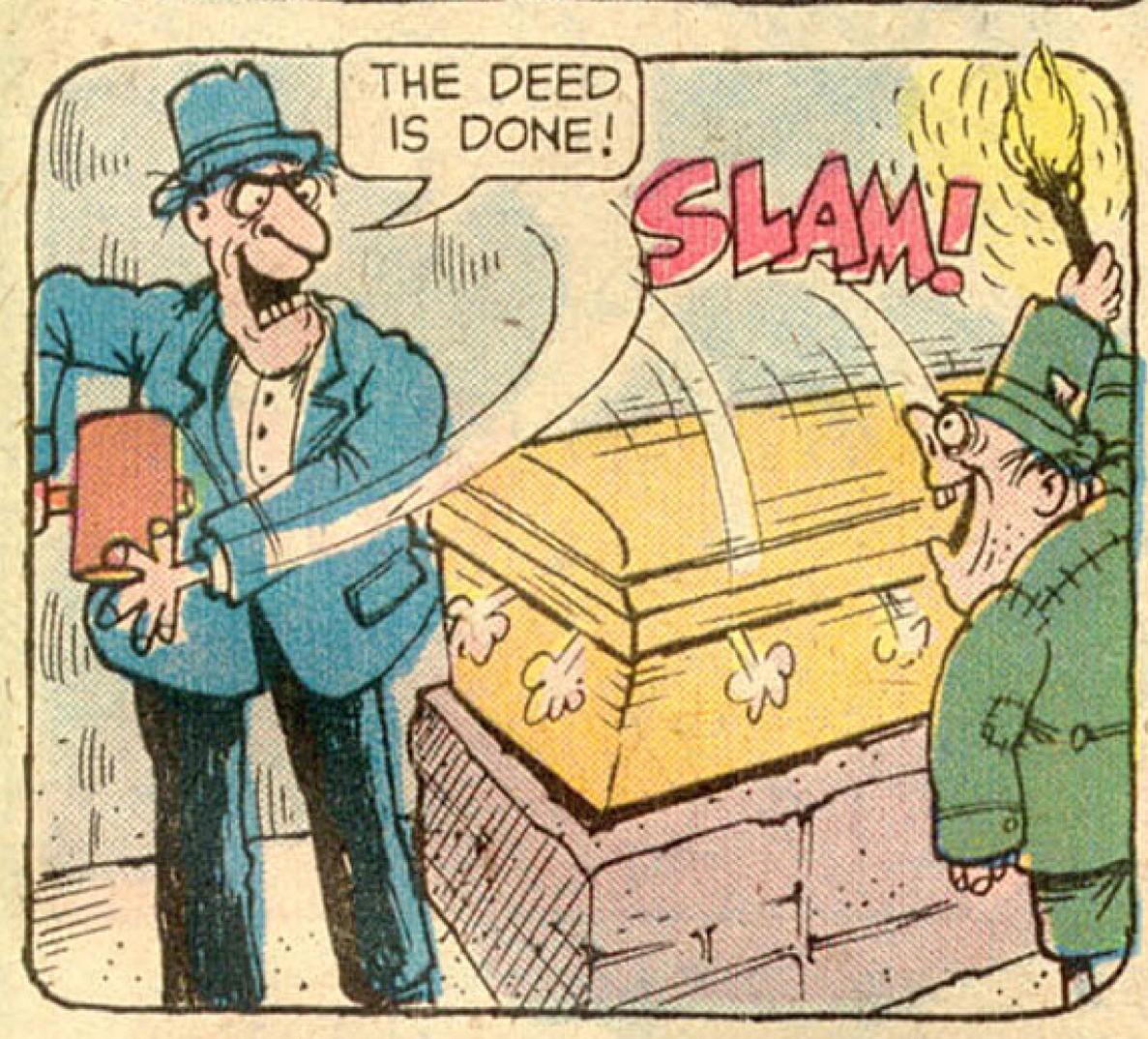

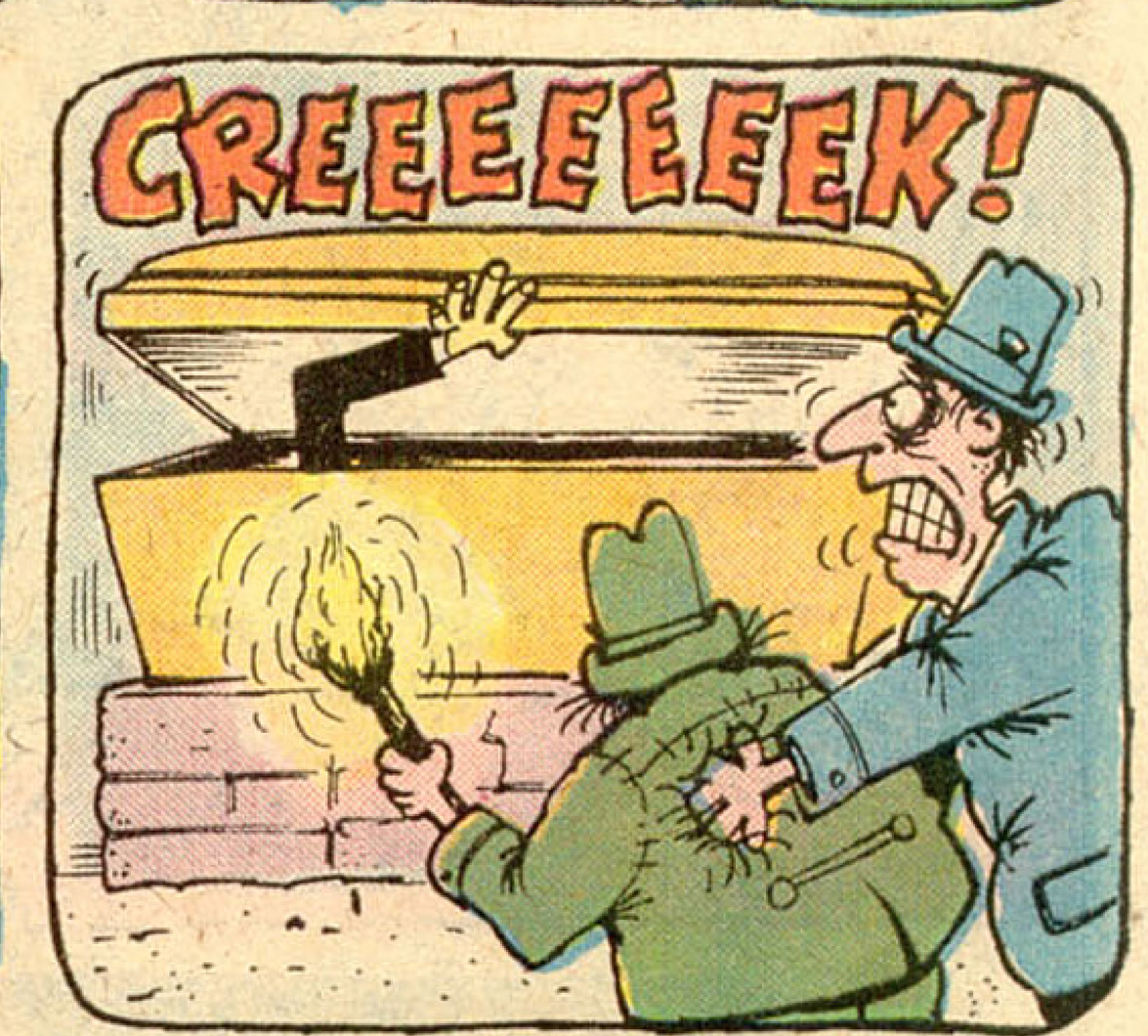

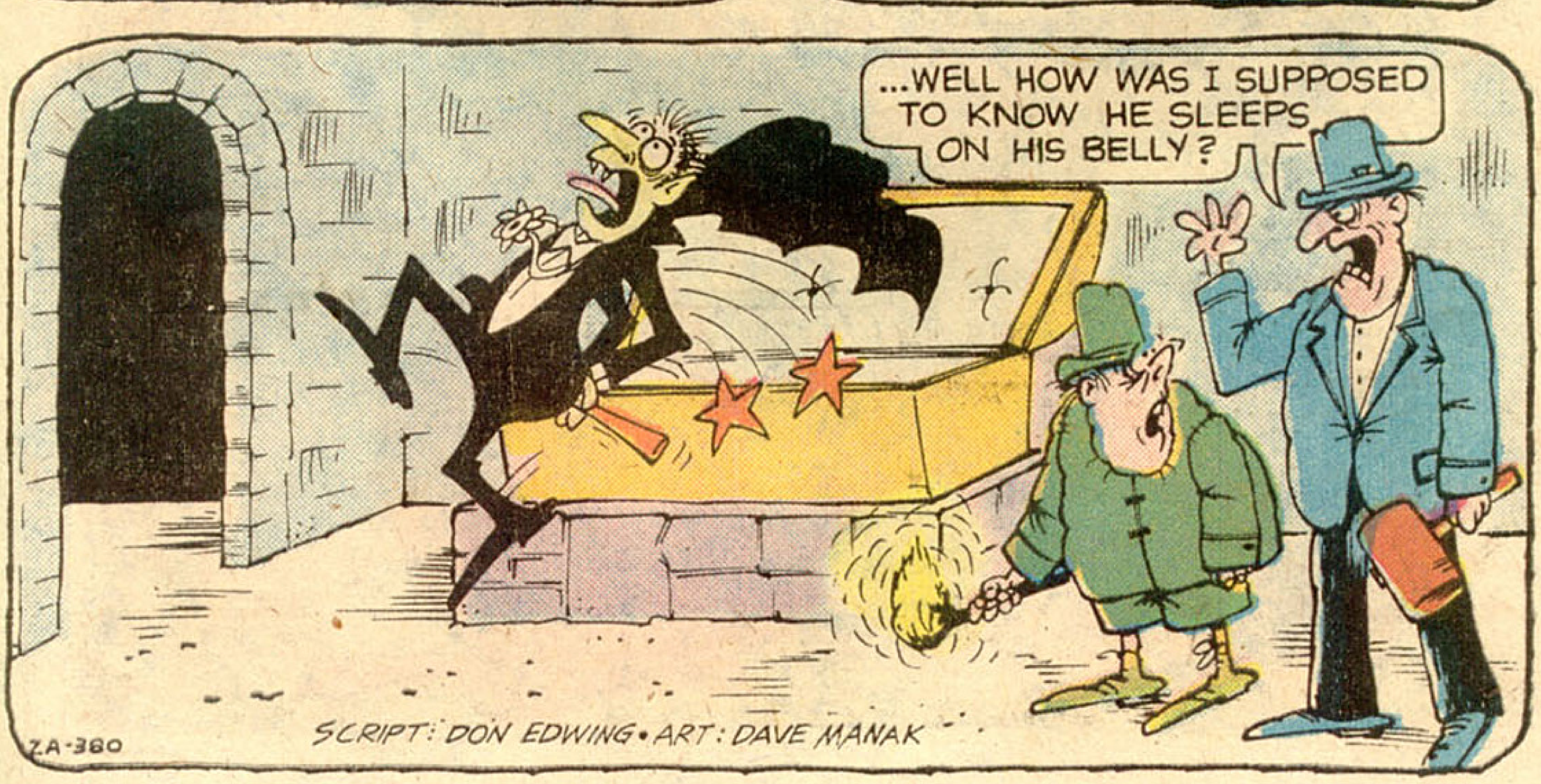

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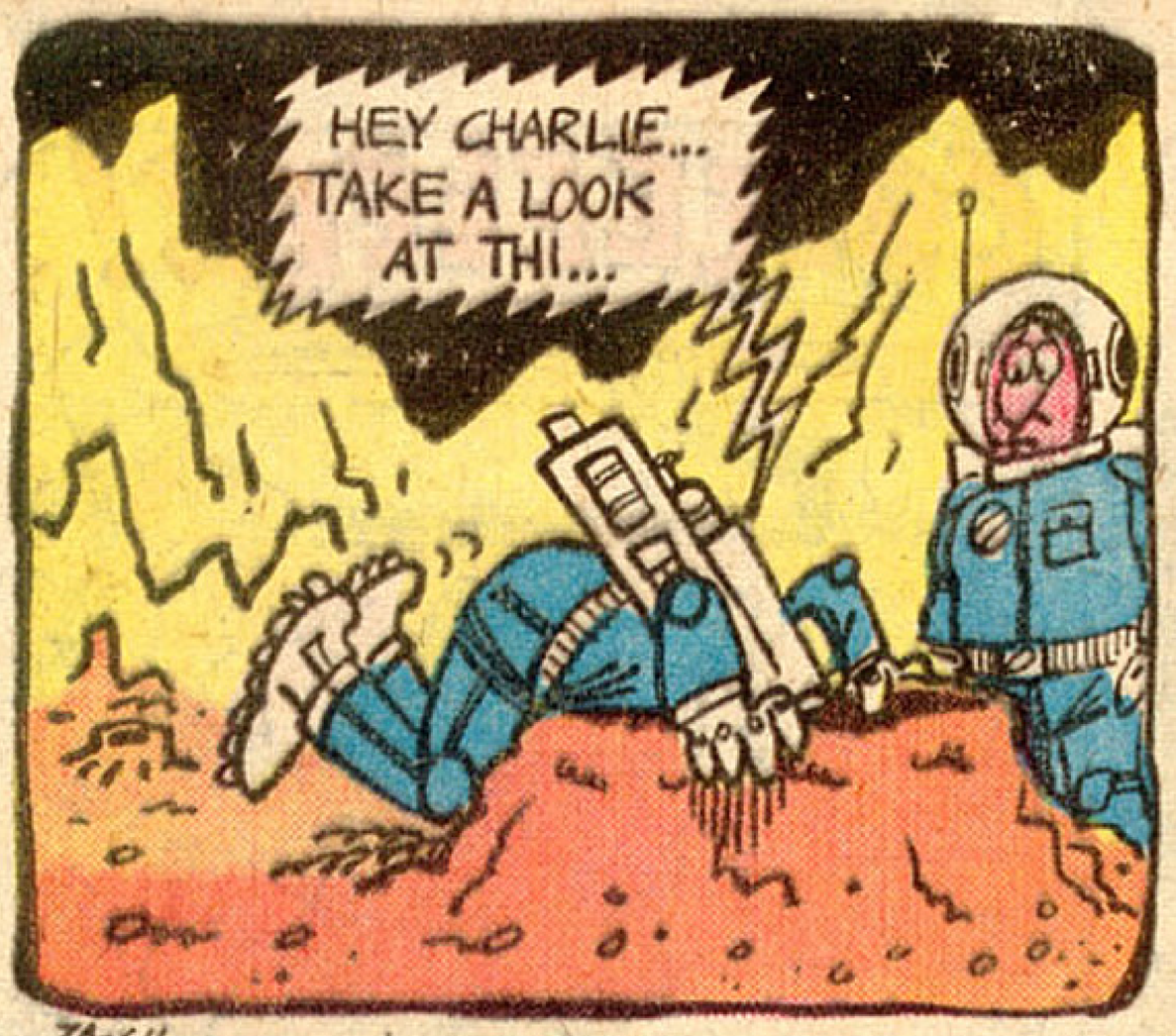

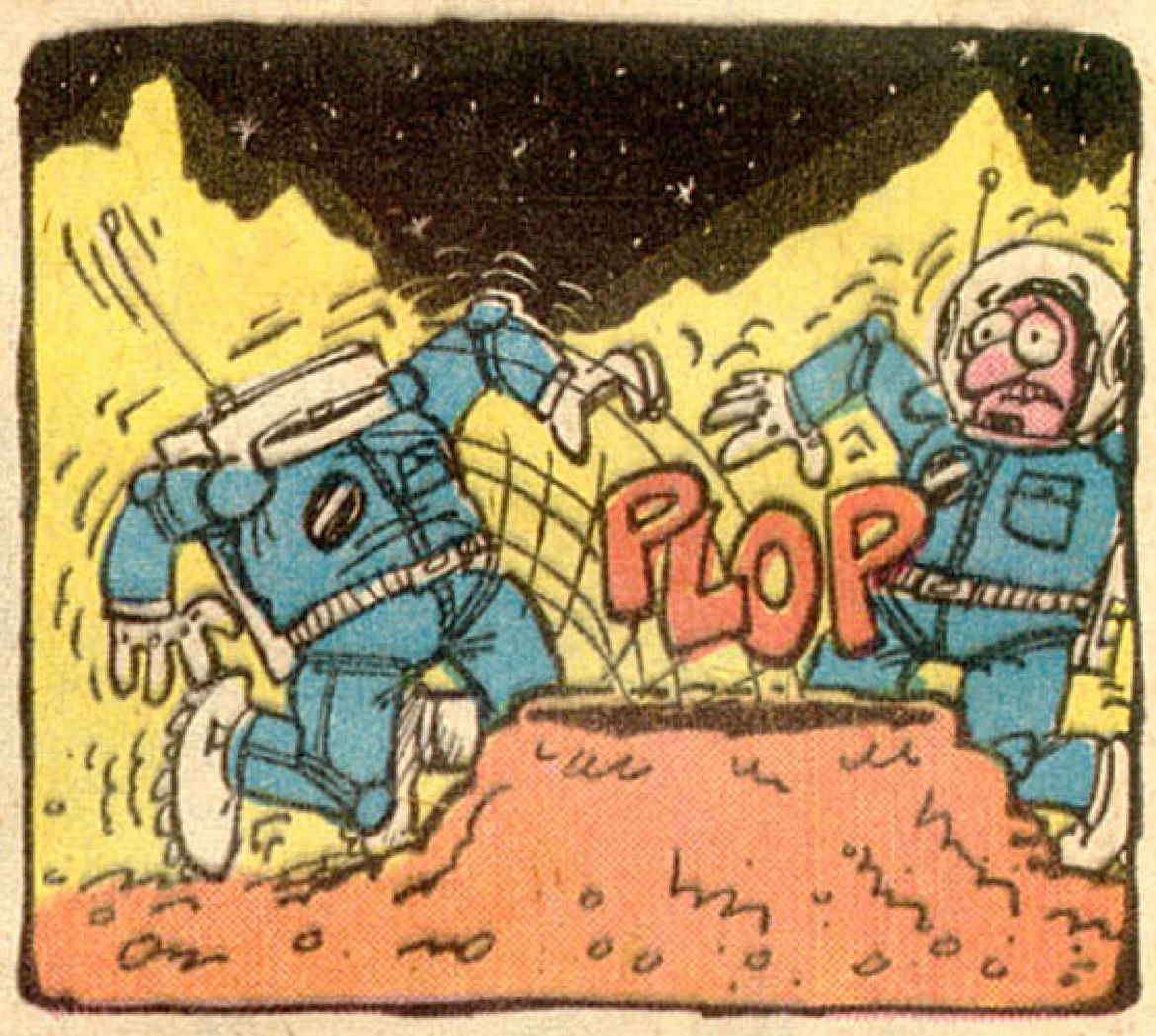

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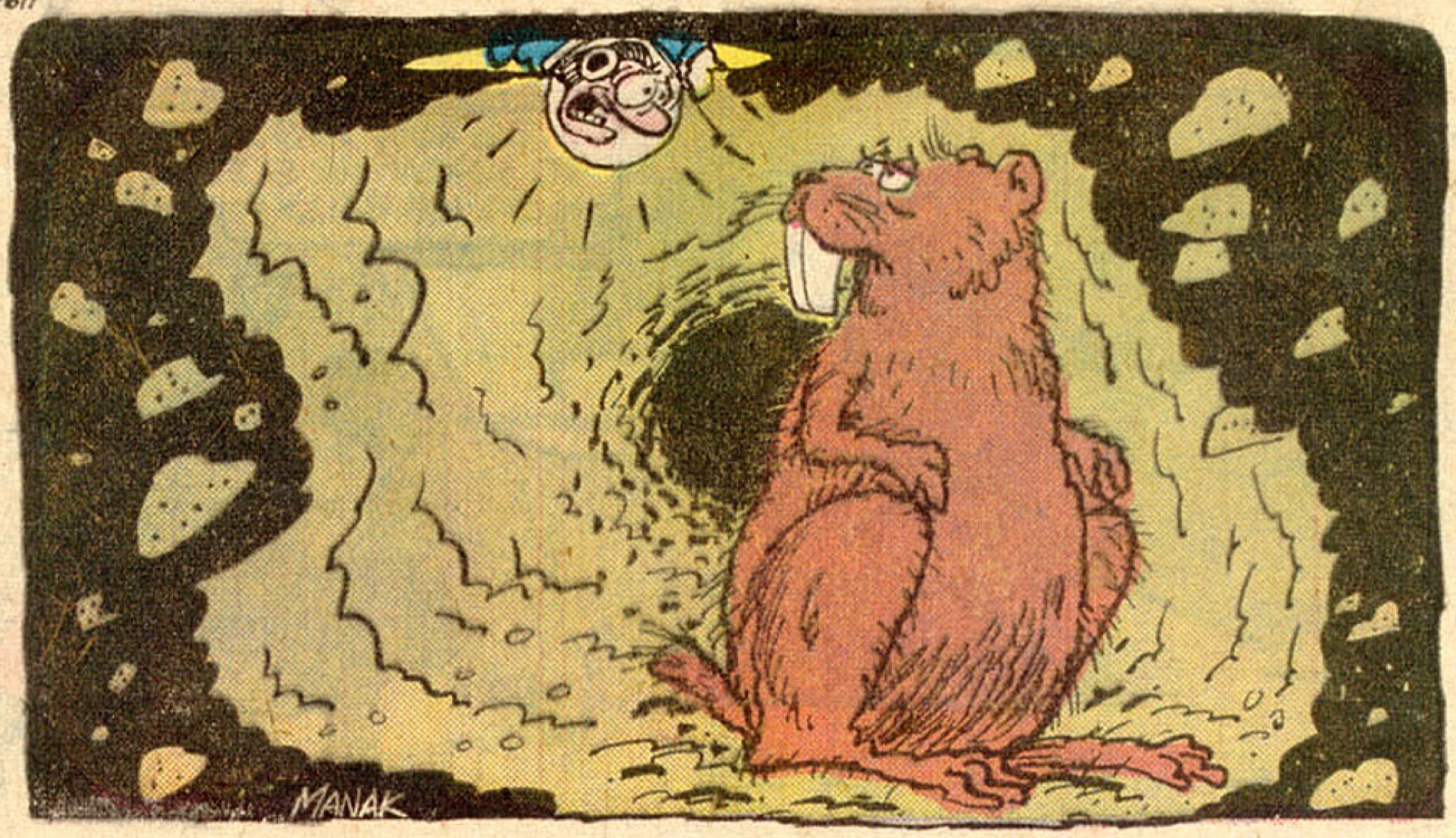

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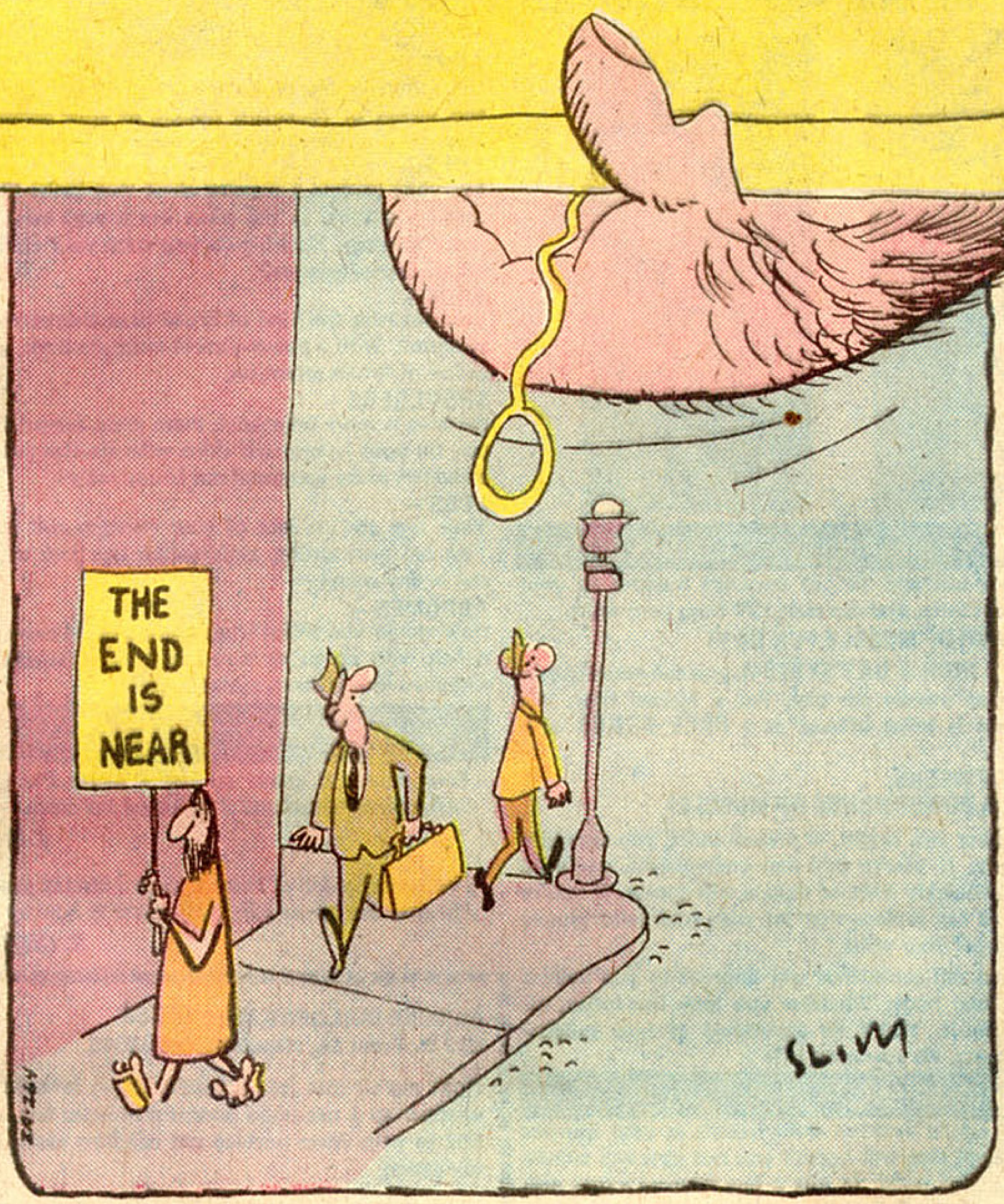

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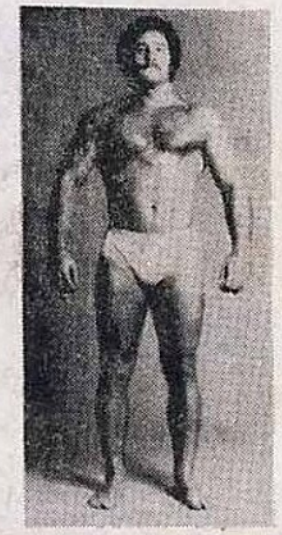

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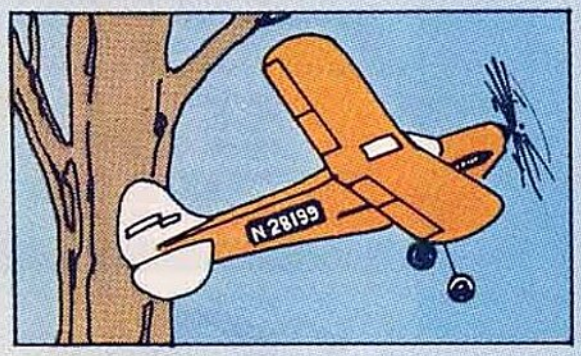

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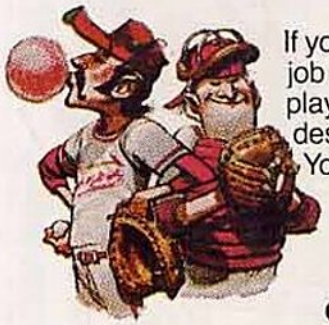

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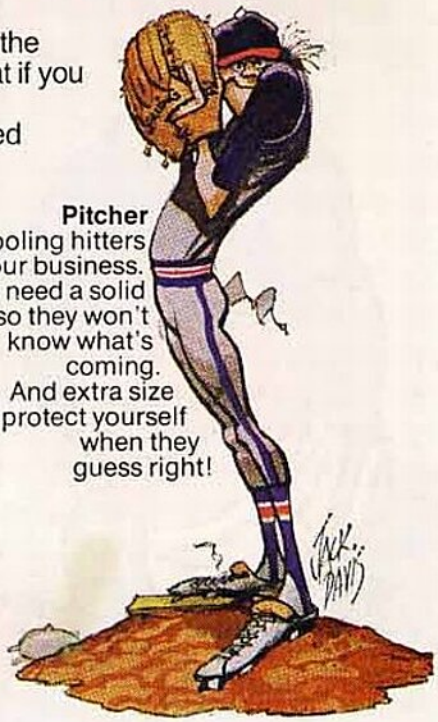

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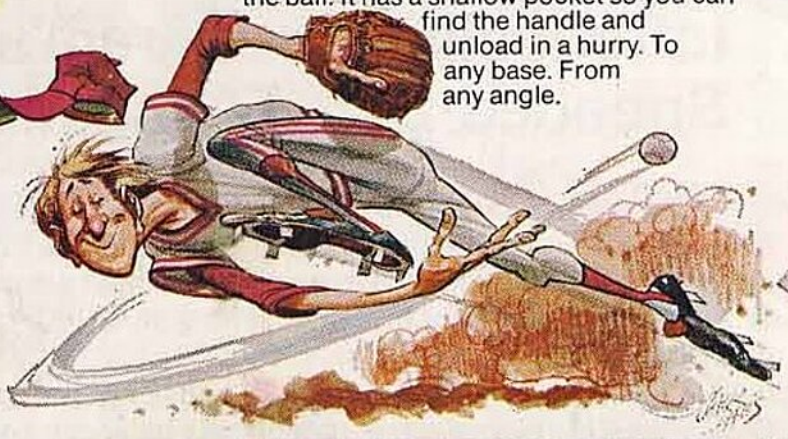

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